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Town Clerk.

March 29, 1939

MIDDLESEX, SS:

Personally appeared the above named George B. Wellman, Clerk of the Town of Watertown, and made oath to the truth of the statement before me.

WILLIAM W. NORCROSS, JR.
Notary Public.
My Commission Expires
April 4, 1941

WATERTOWN RECORDS

Seventh Book, Begun in 1792

[1]

At a public Town-Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are qualified to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 12th Day of March AD 1792, for the choice of Town Officers and other Affairs as set forth in the Warrants for calling the Meeting; they proceeded as follows. Viz—

Voted and Chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator of the Meeting—

Then Jonathan Brown Esqr inform'd the Town that his Eyesight has fail'd, and he is unable to serve the Town as Clerk &c he wish'd the Town would not make choice of him for the like Services——The Town then voted and return'd their thanks to him for his past good Services as Town Clerk & Treasurer &c—

Then Chose Nathl Ruggles Whitney Town Clerk & Treasurer—

Then Nathl Ruggles Whitney was sworn into the Office of Town Clerk ℘ Amos Bond Justice of the peace—

Chose for Selectmen
- Mr Amos Livermore
- Capt John Fowle
- Mr Samuel Wellington
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Christopher Grant Esqr

Chose for Aſseſsors
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Mr Jonathan Stone
- Nathaniel Ruggles Whitney

Chose for Constables Meſsrs Daniel Mason, and Jedidiah Leathe—

The Town voted to give Mr Danl Mason Six Shillings for warning each Town Meeting which Sum he refused, and declined serving—

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Then voted to excuse Mr Jedidiah Leathe from serving as Constable upon his own desire—

Then chose Majr Ebenezer Kent Constable and the Town

voted to give him Six shillings for warning all such Town Officers as the Selectmen shall iſsue Warrants for Viz. 6/ for [*page torn*]
Chose for Fence Viewers Capt Daniel Jackson, Capt Nathl [*page torn*] and Capt Moses Coolidge——
Chose for Sealers of Leather Meſs^{rs} Moses Warren & Josiah Leavitt
Chose for Tythingmen Meſs^{rs} Josiah Mixer, Francis Faulkner, and Jonathan Child
Chose for Surveyors of Highways Capt Moses Coolidge, Mr Amos Livermore, Mr Peter Harrington & William Hunt Esq
Chose for Howards Mr Moses Warren & Capt Moses Coolidge
Chose for Hogrieves Meſs^{rs} Daniel Bryant & Peter Harrington
Chose for Clerks of the Market Capt Nathl Bemis & Mr John Meacham
Chose for Measurers of Wood Maj^{r} Ebenezer Kent, Mr Jedidiah Leathe, and Capt Nathaniel Bemis
Chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves Mr Samuel Holt, and Capt Abner Craft
Chose for Sexton Mr Phinehas Jenison, and to be paid for his Services the same as last Year
Then the Votes were brought in for County Treasurer, Ebenezer Bridge Esqr had all the Votes which was forty two
Chose for Surveyors of Timber Mr David Sanger & Capt Daniel Jackson
Then voted that Swine shall not run at large the ensuing Year
Voted and granted £100. to support the Schools the present Year
Voted that the Money be expended in the same manner as last Year
Voted that the Article for repairing the great Bridge be postponed untill April Meeting

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Voted and chose a Committee for the procuring a place, and building a House for the poor, and report the same at April Meeting

Voted and chose for said Committee——
- Capt Nathaniel Bemis
- William Hunt Esqr
- Mr Leonard Bond
- Capt Daniel Jackson
- Mr Amos Livermore

Voted that the Highway rate be aſsesſed by taxing each Poll ½ a Days work, and the Estates in proportion thereto, and that four Shillings be allowed ℔ Day for a Man, and the same price for a good Team.

Voted that the Fishery be let at public Auction this Evening at 7 O'Clock at the House of Majr Mellen's, for the ensuing Year, under similar regulations as it was the last Year.

Voted and chose for a Committee to examine the Treasurers Accts — William Hunt Esqr, Amos Bond Esqr, Capt John Fowle

Voted and chose for a Committee to draught a By-law to establish a method concerning the measuring of Wood, and make a report concerning the same to the Town — William Hunt Esqr, Capt Daniel Jackson, Mr Timothy Williams

Voted that the Article relating to Town Creditors be referred to April Meeting.

Voted that the Article relating to the Town's selling their Right in the Goddard-house be referred to April Meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen procure a place, and erect a Building for the Fire Engine.

Voted and Chose for a Committee to Examine the repairs of the Meeting-house — Mr Amos Livermore, Mr Thomas Clark, Mr Peter Clark.

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Then Voted to adjourn the Meeting to Majr Mellen's at 7 O'Clock——The Meeting was accordingly adjourned———— The Meeting being opened at the time and place aforementioned

Voted that the Article of hearing the Reports of any Committee be referred to April Meeting.

Then the Conditions for farming out the Taxes were [*page torn*] which are as follows. (Viz). That the Taxes be farmed to the lowest bidder they giving Bonds to the Town Treasurer to the satisfaction of the Selectmen; and the several Treasurers to be settled with in one Year from the Delivery, or Date of the Tax-bills or forfeit their premium. Extraordinarys excepted. Chose for Collectors of Taxes Mr David Stone for the East District and agreed that he shall have /7½ ℔ pound for collecting Town, County, and State Taxes (if any there be). Then Chose Mr. Jonathan Stone for the West District and agreed that he shall have /9¼ ℔ pound for collecting the like Taxes.

Then the Fishery was let to Mr Edmund Fowle for £15,, 10,, to be paid on or before the first Day of September next; the Conditions to be the same as the Year past—

Mr Edmund Fowle paid the Treasurer 18/ as earnest Money— Then Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in April next at 4 O°Clock Afternoon at the public Meeting-house—

On said Evening of the 12th of March 1792—The following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices hereafter mentioned to which they were chosen on sd Day. Viz. Amos Bond Esqr Aſseſsor Sworn ℔ William Hunt Justice of ye peace. Mr Jonathan Stone and Nathl R. Whitney Aſseſsors—Majr Ebenezer Kent Constable—

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Capt Daniel Jackson, Capt Nathaniel Bemis, & Capt Moses Coolidge Fence-viewers—

Mr Moses Warren Sealer of Leather—

Capt Moses Coolidge & Mr Amos Livermore Surveyors of Highways—

Mr Moses Warren & Capt Moses Coolidge Howards—

Mr Daniel Bryant Hogrieve—

Majr Ebenezer Kent & Mr Jedidiah Leathe Measurers of Wood—

Mr Samuel Holt Culler of Hoops and Staves—

Capt Daniel Jackson Surveyor of Timber—

Sworn ℔ Amos Bond Justice of the peace——

March 19th 1792—At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr Samuel Wellingtons the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices hereafter mentioned to which they were chosen on the 12th of this Instant Month of March—

℔ Amos Bond Justice of the peace——

Mr Peter Harrington Surveyor of Highways, also a Hogrieve—

Mr Josiah Leavitt Sealer of Leather—

Mr David Stone and Mr Jonathan Stone Collectors—

The Selectmen nominated and appointed the following persons for Engine Men, namely—

Meſsrs Samuel Holt
Israel Cook
Daniel Bond
Caleb Cook
John Hunt
Samuel Nutting
Stephen Crane
Edward Loud
Joseph Bond
James Symes
Daniel Coolidge
Henry Prentice
Isaac Patten

[6]

At the aforementioned Meeting the Selectmen directed the Clerk to issue a Warrant to the Constable as follows (Viz.)

(A Warrant was iſsued accordingly——

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Ebenezer Kent Constable of Watertown in said County Greeting⸗

In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts⸗
You are hereby required forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the choice of Governor, Lt Governor & Senators to aſsemble at the Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 2d Day of April next at two O'Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for Governor, Lt Governor & Senators for the District of Middlesex⸗

Also You are hereby required forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town-affairs to meet at said Meeting-house in said Town on said Monday the second Day of April next at three O'Clock in the Afternoon for the following purposes. Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for the Meeting⸗

2d To choose Fire-wards⸗

3d To know the mind of the Town, what they will do with their Hay-scales after the term of time is expired which they are now let for, or act any thing thereon as the Town may think proper⸗

4th To hear the Request of any Persons who wish to have their Taxes abated and act any thing thereon as they think proper—or to hear the request of any Collector who wish to have any Person's Taxes abated⸗

5th To know if the Town will grant Liberty to have the Stone-wall standing on the ministerial place West of the House straightened ⸗

Hereof fail not and make return of your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the time appointed for the Meeting. Dated at Watertown the Nineteenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand, Seven Hundred & Ninety two⸗

By Order of the Selectmen—Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk

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The Selectmen at their Meeting mentioned on the other side agreed to allow Mr Phinehas Jenison as Sexton for the ensuing Year ——————————————— £4,, 0,, 0

Also agreed with Mr David Stone to lease him the Widow Hannah Learneds Land the ensuing Year for Seventeen Bushels of Corn.

Also agreed with Mr Josiah Learned to lease him the Widow Hannah Learneds Marsh the Year ensuing for 0,, 18,, 0

At a public Town-meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified according to the Constitution upon due warning given regularly aſsembled at the Meeting-house.

On Monday the second Day of April AD 1792 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Governor, Lt Governor, and Senators—The Selectmen being present the Meeting was opened and the Votes for a Governor were called for, brought in sorted and counted and it appeared that His Excellency John Hancock

Esqr had ——————————————— 35 Votes
The Honbl Francis Dana Esqr had ——————— 4 Votes

Then the Votes for a Lieut Governor were call'd for brought in sorted and counted and it appeared that The Honbl Samuel

Adams Esqr had ——————————————— 27 Votes

Then the Votes for Senators were called for brought in sorted and counted and it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes set against each of their Names (Viz).

Joseph B. Varnum Esqr had ———	31	for Senators.
Joseph Hosmer Esqr ———————	21	
Eleazer Brooks Esqr ———————	31	
Ebenezer Bridge Esqr ———————	31	
Samuel Dexter Junr ———————	18	
William Hunt Esqr ———————	13	
Isaac Stearns Esqr ———————	7	

Then the Meeting was diſsolved.

[8]

At a Public Town Meeting on Monday the second Day of April AD 1792 by adjournment (from March Meeting) at the public Meeting house in Watertown; The Town Voted and excused Mr Jona Child from serving as Tythingman.

Mr Mixer desir'd the Town to excuse him from serving as Tythingman and the Vote paſsed in the negative.

Capt Nathaniel Bemis desir'd the Town to excuse him from serving as Clerk of the Market, accordingly he was.

Chose Majr Ebenezer Kent Clerk of the Market, and he was excused upon his own desire.

Then chose Mr Jedidiah Leathe Clerk of the Market⸗

Then Capt Nathl Bemis was excused as a Measurer of Wood upon his own desire⸗

Voted and Granted £140 for the support of the poor the Year ensuing⸗

Then the report of the Committee for building a house for the poor was read (as you may see on File)⸗

Voted not to build a House according to the report of s^d^ Committee⸗

Voted to dismiſs the article concerning the repairing of any House for the poor⸗

Voted and Granted £7,, 10 for the support of the Great Bridge.
Voted and Granted Jon^a^ Brown Esqr as Treasurer—£6,, 0,, 0
Voted and Granted Jon^a^ Brown Esqr as Aſſeſsor

9 Days — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 1,, 16,, 0

Voted and Granted Amos Bond Esqr as an Aſſeſsor— 1,, 16,, 0
Voted and Granted Mr Jon^a^ Stone as an Aſſeſsor— 1,, 16,, 0

Voted and Granted to Jon^a^ Brown Esqr for extraordinary

Services as Treasurer &c. — — — — — — — — — — 12,, 0,, 0

Voted to dismiſs the Article for selling the Goddard house⸗

The Committee to examine the repairs of the Meeting house report to have the Meeting house shingled, the Window frames Doors &c. painted, & the Windows mended⸗

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to repair the Meeting house and do the same according to their Judgment⸗

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Voted and Granted £60 to repair the Meeting house⸗

Chose Mr David Stone Constable and Granted him the same as Maj^r^ Ebenezer Kent⸗

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs, regularly aſsembled at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second Day of April AD 1792 for transacting sundry Affairs as set forth in the Warrant⸗

1st Voted and Chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator of the Meeting⸗

2^d^ Voted to Choose two Firewards⸗

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr & Capt John Fowle Firewards—

3^d^ The Article concerning the Hay scales was debated; and the Town Voted to empower the Selectmen to lease them after the Term of time is expired which Mr Jed^h^ Leathe has

hir'd them for untill the next March Meeting and then to be let at public auction.

4th Voted not to abate any person's Taxes except they apply to the Town.

5th Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to give Liberty to straighten the Line on the Ministerial place provided any person or persons will undertake to do it at his, or their own expence.

Then the Meeting was diſsolved.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the Evening of the second Day of April 1792—they put the following persons to board for the Year ensuing (Viz).

	s d	
Deliverance Whitney to Daniel Bernard for	5/3	℔ Week.
Benjamin Whitney to Nath[l] Stone Jun[r] for	2/8½	℔ Week.
Ruth Maddox to Nath[l] Stone Jun[r] for	4/8	℔ Week.
Rachel Goddard to Solomon Prentice for	6/	℔ Week.

[10]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 16th of April 1792 at M[r] Samuel Wellingtons; they appointed Meſs[rs] Paul Learned, Blake Sparahawk, Stephen Tuttle & Samuel Wellington Jun[r] Engine Men in the room of Meſs[rs] Samuel Nutting, Daniel Coolidge, Henry Prentice, & Isaac Patten who were excused. The Selectmen at their Meeting on the 16th of April aforementioned agreed to have a Town Meeting on the 7th Day of May next and ordered the Clerk to prepare a Warrant for the purpose, & it was accordingly done, and is as follows (Viz). Middlesex ſs—To M[r] Ebenezer Kent Constable of Watertown in said County Greeting.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts;
You are required forthwith to warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are qualified according to Law to vote in the choice of Representatives to aſsemble at the public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the Seventh Day of May next at two O'Clock in the Afternoon to choose a suitable Person to represent the Town in the Great & General Court to be held at the State house in Boston on the last Wednesday of May next—Hereof fail not &c.

You are also alike required to warn all the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town-affairs to aſsemble at the same place on the same Day at three O'Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles. Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator of the Meeting.

2d To know if the Town will provide Seines for to lease with the Fishery after the term of time is expired which it is now leas'd for, or act any thing thereon as they may think best.

3d To hear the Reports of any Committees or act any thing thereon.

4th To hear the Petition of Duncan Ingraham & others, or act any thing thereon.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant & your Doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the times appointed for the Meetings, dated at Watertown the Eighteenth Day of April AD 1792.

Signed by——— John Fowle, Amos Bond, Saml Wellington } Selectmen

[11]

April 23d 1792—Nathl R. Whitney was sworn into the Office of Town Treasurer by Amos Bond Justice of the peace.
At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Samuel Wellington on the said 23d of April they signed an Order on the Town Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons here-after named the several Sums annexed their Names. (Viz.)

To Nathl Stone Junr in full of his Acct for boarding Benja Whitney & for mending his Clothes the Year past	7,,	19,,	10
To Eunice Coolidge in full of Acct for boarding & cloathing Ruth Maddox the Year past	10,,	18,,	6
To Daniel Bernard in full of his Acct for boarding the Widow Whitney the Year past & making Clothes	11,,	3,,	8
To Solomon Prentice in full of his Acct for boarding Rachel Goddard, mending & making her Clothes the Year past to the 5th of April	13,,	5,,	0
To Jonathan Child in full of his Acct for supplying Joseph Child's Wife with Sundry articles the Year past	9,,	17,,	4
To Amos Livermore for Cloathing Rachel Goddard	—,,	9,,	—
Also To Supplys for Moses Mason deceas't	3,,	11,,	11
To Francis Marshall in full for boarding Bezl Learned to April 11th 1792	4,,	15,,	0

To Jedidiah Learned in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding & nursing the Widow Hannah Learned the Year past to April 5th 1792 — — — — — — — — 13,, 6,, 0

To Elijah Bond in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding & cloathing Anna Rainger to March 3^{d} 1792 — — 8,, 9,, 9

At a public Town-meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of a Representative regularly afsembled at the Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the Seventh Day of May AD 1792—

They chose Amos Bond Esqr to represent the Town in the General Court the ensuing Year—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified to vote in Town-affairs regularly afsembled at the Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the Seventh Day of May aforemention'd for the purpose of transacting the businefs mentioned in the Warrant for calling said Meeting they proceeded and chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator of the Meeting—

2^{d} Voted to procure Seines for the Fishery
Chose for a Committee to procure Seines for the Fishery Mr Richard Clark, Capt John George, & Mr Edmund Fowle
Mr Richard Clark was excused upon his own desire——
Voted to dismifs Mr Edmund Fowle & chose Capt John Fowle for one of said Committee Then chose Mr James Robbins for one of said Committee
Voted and Granted £18—for to procure Seines—

3^{d} The Article to hear the Reports of any Committees was referred—

4th Voted to direct the Representative to use his influence that the Petition of Duncan Ingraham & others should not be granted—as you may see on file—

Then Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in June next at four O'Clock in the Afternoon at this place—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr Samuel Wellingtons on the 14th of May 1792, they signed an order on the Town Treas^{r} directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz).

To Capt Moses Coolidge in full for fixing the Bell — —,, 7,, 6

To Seth Norcrofs in full Labor in 1788 — — — — —„ 8„ —

To Caleb Cook in full for boarding Moses Child to 18th of April 1791 — — — — — — — — — — — —„ 14„ —

To Phinehas Jenison in full for digging a Grave, tolling the Bell &c. for John Tainters funeral — —„ 9„ —

To William Popenbury in full for boarding the Widow Tainter & Child to 7th of May 1792 — — —„ 1„ 15„ —

May 31st William Hunt Esqr was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk

[13]

At a public Town Meeting on Monday the 4th Day of June AD 1792 by adjournment from the 7th of May 1792

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified to vote in Town-affairs regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town; the 3d Article in the Warrant was to hear the Report of any Committees, which was referred; The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers Accts report that they have examined said Treasurers Accts and find that from 1789 Jona Brown Esqr

Town Treasurer's Credit is — — — — — — —	£3140„ 17„ 3½
And has charg'd himself with — — — — — —	3112„ 13„ 4¼
Balance due to Jona Brown Esqr is — — —	£ 28„ 3„ 11¼

The above is a just and true statement of the Treasurer's Acct to the 25th Day of May AD 1792 as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the Treasurers Accounts

William Hunt
Amos Bond
John Fowle
} Committee

The above statement was read and the Town voted to accept it (as you may see on file)

Then the Meeting was difsolved

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Saml Wellington's on the Evening of the 4th of June 1792, they signed an Order on the Town Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names, (Viz) To Jonathan Brown Esqr—in full of balance due to him on settlement with the Town — — — 28„ 3„ 11¼

To David Townsend in full of his Acct for House-rent for Saml Jenison to April 1792 — „ 1„ 16„ —

To Phinehas Jenison in full for serving as Sexton in the Year 1791 — — — — — — — — — 4,, 0,, —

To Caleb Cook in full of his Acct for Supplys deld. Joseph Child's Wife to May 14th 1792 — — 1,, 3,, 11½

[14]

At the aforementioned Meeting the Selectmen appointed Capt John Fowle & Mr Samuel Holt Searchers & Packers of barrelld Beef, Pork & Fish for the Year ensuing—

Mr Samuel Holt was sworn into the aforementioned Office by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk—

Nathl R. Whitney delivered the following Notification (Viz)

This is to inform you that I received into my Family one Reuben Goodenow who came from the Town of Sudbury the second Day of April last past as to his Circumstances they are unknown to me—As you may see on file—

The Selectmen of Watertown—May 8th 1792—

Also Josiah Sanderson delivered the following Notification (Viz) May 11th 1792. This may certify that I have this Day taken into my House Nathaniel Robbins with his Wife & five Children who came last from Grafton, the Names of Children are Artemas, Polly, Nancy, Betsy & Sally—

To the Selectmen of Watertown—As you may see on file—

Also William Stone delivered a Notification (Viz) May 16th 1792—

This is to inform you that I have taken into my Family Miſs Phebe Bernard an Inhabitant of Waltham, about the 20th of January last as to her Circumstances they are unknown to me—

To the Selectmen of Watertown, As you may see on file—

Also Thomas & Peter Clark delivered a Notification June 4th 1792 (Viz) This is to inform you that on the 30th of March last past We took in Nathaniel Hill from Ashby for the term of One Year his Circumstances are unknown to us—

To the Selectmen of Watertown—As you may see on file—

Also Jonathan Brown Esqr delivered a Notification dated June 8th 1792 (Viz) These are to inform you that I received into my Family one Mary Bacon who came to my House from the Town of Lincoln the 1st Day of May last past as to her Circumstances they are unknown to me—

To the Selectmen of Watertown—As you may see on file—

[15]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at the House of Mr Benjamin Bird Innholder in Waltham on the 18th of June 1792. They settled the Charge of Abigail Ball which had arisen since the 20th of June 1791 to the 20th of June 1792 which amounted to the Sum of — — £12,, 2,, 5

Watertown's part amounted to — — — — — —	6,, 4,, 0
Waltham's d° — — — — — — — — — — — —	5,, 18,, 5
	12,, 2,, 5

Watertown's part was paid to Waltham Treasurer, by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer———

And the said Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham agreed that said Abigail Ball go to Waltham the Year ensuing for $\overset{s}{4}/\overset{d}{5}$ ℔ Week. extraordinarys excepted⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr Sam[l] Wellington, on the 6th of August they signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names. (Viz)

To Nath[l] Bridge for keeping School to July 9th 1792 13,, 10,, —

To Abigail Gerrish for keeping School to Aug[t] 1st— 6,, —,, —

To Dr T. L. Jennison for attending Mrs Learned— 3,, —,, —

To Abraham Whitney in full for boarding his Daughter's Child the Year past — — — — — — — 4,, —,, —

To Francis Marshall in full for boarding Bez[l] Learned & Wife to the 13th of June — — — — — — 6,, —,, —

To Thomas Patten for Supplies for the Poor to April 1792 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 14,, 17,, 4

The Selectmen appointed Nath[l] R. Whitney a Sealer of Weights & Measures. Also a Pound-keeper⸗

They Also appointed Cap[t] Abner Craft to be a Searcher, and Packer of barreled Beef, Pork and Fish for the ensuing Year⸗

Cap[t] Abner Craft was sworn into the Office of Searcher & Packer of barreled Beef &c. By Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

[16]

Cap[t] Nath[l] Bemis delivered the following Notification (Viz) Gentlemen this is to give you Notice that I receiv'd into my Family on the 17th of Febr[y] 1792. a young Woman by the Name

of Polly Cutler; she came to me from Waltham her circumstances to me are unknown—

To the Selectmen of Watertown March 26th 1792—

As you may see on file—

Capt Nathl Bemis delivered the following Notification (Viz) Gentlemen This is to inform you that on the 22d of March 1792 I receiv'd into my Family a young Man by the Name of Nathaniel Bemis who came from Weston his circumstances to me are unknown— June 14th 1792—

To the Selectmen of Watertown—

As you may see on file—

Also Capt Nathl Bemis delivered the following Notification (Viz)

Gentlemen This is to give you Notice that on the 5th of July 1792 I receiv'd into my Family a young Woman by the Name of Sarah Billings who came to me from Lincoln her circumstances are to me unknown—

August 7th 1792—

To the Selectmen of Watertown—

As you may see on file—

Also John Remington Esqr delivered the following Notification (Viz)

This may certify that on the 12th of July last I receiv'd into my Family Hannah Perling who came from Concord her last place of residence and abode—

August 4th 1792—

To the Selectmen of Watertown—

As you may see on file—

August 14th 1792. The Selectmen signed an Order on the Town Treasurer directing him to pay Thomas Patten the Sum of fourteen Shillings to balance Accts in full with what has been ordered by the Selectmen to be paid by the late Treasurer to redeem Bridge Lottery-tickets & cost on the same—

[17]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Mr Samuel Wellingtons on the third Day of September AD 1792.

By desire of a number of the Inhabitants they agree'd to have a Town meeting on the 5th of Septr Instant & iſsued a Warrant for the purpose (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs To Mr. Ebenezer Kent Constable of Watertown In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts

You are hereby directed forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified according to the Constitution to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Wednesday the fifth Day of September Instant at four O'Clock P M. for the following purposes (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for the Meeting⸗

2d To know the mind of the Town whether they will grant Liberty to have any Hospital or Hospitals to inoculate for the Small-pox, or act any thing thereon as they may think best⸗

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen, on, or before the time appointed for said Meeting⸗

Given under our hands & Seal this third Day of September, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand, Seven hundred & Ninety two⸗

Amos Livermore
John Fowle
Christopher Grant } Selectmen

[18]

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified according to Law to vote in Town Affairs regularly assembled at the Meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the fifth Day of September AD 1792. for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned in the Warrant for calling said Meeting they proceeded as follows⸗

1st Voted and chose Amos Livermore Moderator of the Meeting⸗

2dly Voted that the Selectmen be directed to use their influence to prevent the spreading of the Small pox in any part of the Town⸗

3dly Voted that the Selectmen be directed to publish in the News-paper the above vote of the Town⸗

Then the Meeting was dissolved⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Lt Samuel Wellington on the tenth Day of September AD 1792. They approbated the following Persons to receive Licence for Innholders and Retailers (Viz)⸗

Edward Richardson
Majr Thomas Mellen
Lt Saml Wellington
Samuel Hager } Innholders

Timothy Williams
Capt John Fowle
Jeremiah Fowle
Capt Danl Jackson
Capt John George
Majr Moses White & Co
Nathaniel Soley } Retailers

At the aforementioned Meeting the Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz)

To Jedidiah Learned in full for boarding and nursing the Widow Hannah Learned to August 31st —— 12,, 15,, 2

To Jeremiah Bridge in full for House rent for William Learned ———————————— 1,, 10,, 0

£14,, 5,, 2

Also To Joseph Nixon to procure Material & to shingle the Meeting house &c. according to the direction of the Selectmen ———————— 54,, —,, —

68,, 5,, 2

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At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown at the House of Lt Samuel Wellington's upon due warning given assembled on the first Day of October AD 1792 for the purpose of choosing one Grand-juror & two Petit jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to be held at Cambridge on the last Tuesday of October Instant: Majr Thomas Mellen was chosen Grand-juror & Messrs Jedidiah Leathe & John B. Fitch were appointed Petit jurors

At the aforementioned Meeting the Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz)

To William Popenberry in full for boarding Mary Tainter to the 28th of Septr 1792 ———————— £2,, 12,, 6

To Abigail Goddard in full for nursing Joseph Child's Wife three Weeks & three Days ———— 0,, 15,, 0

October the 2d 1792 Mr Jonathan Stone & Nathl R. Whitney were sworn into the Office of Assessors for enquiring into rateable Estates by Amos Bond Justice of the peace

Also Amos Bond Esqr was sworn into the Office of Assessor for enquiring into rateable Estates by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk

On the aforementioned 2d Day of October 1792. Capt John Fowle delivered the following Notifications (Viz)

This may certify that on the 25th of July last I took into my Family a Boy named Thomas Harding about fifteen Years of age who came last from Charlestown.

Also on the 4th Day of September last I took into my Family a Boy by the Name of David Williams about eighteen Years of age who came last from Wales whose circumstances are unknown to me John Fowle

The Selectmen of Watertown—as you may see on file

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Amos Bond Esqr on the 29th of October AD 1792—They agreed to have a Town Meeting on the 2d Day of Novr next & a Warrant was iſsued (Viz)

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Middlesex ſs. To Mr Ebenezer Kent Constable of Watertown in said County Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts

You are required forthwith to warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of Watertown who are qualified according to Law to vote in the choice of Representatives to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Friday the second Day of November next at three of the Clock. P M. to give in their Votes for four Federal Representatives for the first District in the Commonwealth—Also to give in their Votes for One Representative for the first, second, and third Districts to be returned therefrom, to the next Congreſs of the United States—Also to give in their Votes for five Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for the Counties of Suffolk, Eſsex, and Middlesex. Hereof fail not &c—You are also alike required to warn all the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town-affairs to aſsemble at the abovementioned place on the aforementioned Day at four of the Clock. P M. to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator of the Meeting

2d To see if the Town will take any measure to prevent the spreading of the Small pox or act any thing relative thereto—Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the times appointed for the above mentioned Meetings—Dated at Watertown the Twenty ninth Day of October AD 1792

Amos Livermore
Amos Bond
Samuel Wellington
John Fowle
} Selectmen for Watertown

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified according to the Constitution to

vote for Representatives upon due warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Friday the second Day of November AD 1792. for the purpose of giving in their Votes for four Federal Representatives for the first District in the Commonwealth. Also to give in their Votes for One Representative, for the first, second, and third Districts— Also to give in their Votes for five Electors of President & Vice President of the United States for the Counties of Suffolk, Eſsex & Middlesex—

The Selectmen being present the Meeting was opened, and the Votes for Representatives were called for, brought in, sorted and counted, and it appeared that the following Persons had the number of Votes set against each of their Names Viz—

For Suffolk	Benjamin Austin Junr had	18
	Fisher Ames	3
	William Eustis	2
	Charles Jarvis	1
For Eſsex	Benjamin Goodhue had	24
For Middlesex	Samuel Dexter Junr	22
	Joseph B. Varnum	2
For the three Counties	William Heath	20
	William Eustis	2
	Charles Jarvis	2
At large, or for the Commonwealth, except Maine	David Cobb	24
Five Electors of President, & Vice President	Thomas Dawes, J^{r}	24
	Francis Dana	20
	Increase Sumner	20
	Samuel Phillips	21
	Azor Orne	20
	Charles Jarvis	4
	James Winthrop	4
	Samuel Holton	3
	Eleazer Brooks	3
	William Eustis	1

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, who are qualified according to Law to vote in Town-affairs upon due warning given

regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Friday the second Day of November AD 1792. for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting—The Town voted to adjourn the Meeting to the House of Lt Samuel Wellingtons this Evening at six of the Clock—The Meeting was adjourned accordingly—The Meeting being opened they proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & Chose Mr Amos Livermore Moderator of the Meeting—

2^{d} Voted to choose a Committee to provide Houses to remove those that have the Small pox—

3^{d} Voted & chose Capt Daniel Jackson for one of said Committee—

4th Voted to reconsider the aforementioned Vote, and to diſmiſs Capt Daniel Jackson from serving as one of said Committee upon his own desire—

5th Upon motion made, Voted to join the Selectmen with a Committee of three Persons for the aforementioned purpose—

6th Voted & Chose for said Committee { Capt Daniel Jackson / Mr Edmund Fowle / Maj^{r} Thomas Mellen——

7th Voted that the Selectmen & Committee be directed to request those Persons who are now infected with the Small pox by innoculation, immediately to remove to some convenient place approved of by said Committee, and if any Person, or Persons shall refuse to remove themselves, or to remove their Children, or Family who are infected with the Small pox by innoculation to such convenient place, or places approved of by said Committee then and in that case, for said Committee to prosecute all such Offenders at the expence of the Town, and likewise to remove them to some convenient place at the expence of the Town—

Voted

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8th Voted that no Person in the Town shall innoculate, or be innoculated upon penalty of the Selectmen & said Committee entering into a prosecution for such Offence at the expence of the Town after this Date—

9th Voted that the Selectmen & said Committee be directed to prosecute those that have, or have been innoculated, at the expence of the Town if they shall think proper—

Then the Meeting was diſsolved—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Lt Saml Wellington on the 5th Day of November AD 1792 for the purpose of appointing two Petit Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court Capt Abner Craft & Mr Samuel Soden were appointed— Also to appoint two Petit jurors to serve at the Court of Common pleas; Messrs Jonathan Harrington and Moses Warren were appointed—

The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the Revd Richard R. Eliot the Sum of One Hundred Pounds to be paid quarterly as it shall become due, which will be in full for his present Year's Salary beginning the seventh Day of May last—

Also to pay Jonathan Stone for Wood delivered Samuel Jenison, & Samuel Warren ——————————————— £1,, 6,, 0

November the 12th 1792. The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay Mr Nathaniel Bridge the Sum of Thirteen Pounds, Sixteen Shillings & Eight Pence in full for keeping School to the 9th Day of October last past—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Lt Samuel Wellington on Monday the third Day of December AD 1792. they signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz)—

To Jonathan Harrington in full for boarding A Negro Woman from the 30th of May 1792 to the 17th of June following at 18/ ℔ Week ———— 2,, 4,, 6

To Capt John Fowle in full of his Acct for Supplies delivered the Poor ——————————————— 4,, 12,, 6

To Mr. Richard Clark Collector in full for his Premiums for collecting State, County, Town and Minister's Taxes to this Day ————————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Samuel Wellington on Monday the 24th Day of December AD 1792 they issued the following Warrant for a Town Meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ss. To Mr David* Constable of the Town of Watertown in said County Greeting—

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—

**Editorial note—Mr David probably refers to Mr David Stone, chosen as constable, see* [9].

You are hereby directed forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourteenth Day of January next, at three O'Clock P M. to give in their Votes for One Representative that is an Inhabitant in the first District, comprehending the Counties of Suffolk Eſsex and Middlesex, to represent the said District, in the Congreſs of the United States of America hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time appointed for said Meeting Given under our Hands & Seal this twenty fourth Day of December AD 1792—Signed by Amos Livermore, Samuel Wellington, Amos Bond & Christopher Grant, Selectmen for Watertown.

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On the 25th Day of December AD 1792. Mr David Stone was sworn into the Office of Constable by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Lt Samuel Wellington on Monday the thirty first Day of December AD 1792. They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz).

To Samuel Jenison for to procure Wood — —	,,	14,,	—
To Jedidiah White in full of his Acct for boarding his late Mother Deceas'd from the 8th of September to the 18th of December and for Funeral charges — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10,,	6,,	7
To William Popenberry in full of his Acct for boarding Mary Tainter & Child to the 28th Day of December 1792 — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,,	12,,	6
To Col. Christopher Grant & Capt Moses Coolidge a School Committee for the East District in full for their proportion granted by the Town in 1792 —	33,,	6,,	8
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for keeping School in 1792 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	33,,	6,,	8
To Mr Richard Clark Collector for John Bullards County and Town Tax in the Year 1785: State, County & Town Tax in the Year 1786: County & Town Tax in the Year 1787: and for committing said Bullard to Goal & for all fees — — — — — —	12,,	4,,	3

The Selectmen lett the Hay Scales on the 10th Day of January 1793 to Mr Jedidiah Leathe for twenty one Shillings ℔ Month until next March Meeting⸗

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown duly qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, upon due warning given regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourteenth Day of January AD 1793, to give in their Votes for One Representative that is an Inhabitant in the first District, consisting of the Counties of Suffolk, Essex & Middlesex, to represent the said District, in the Congress of the United States of America; The Selectmen presiding, the Votes were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, and it appeared that Benjamin Austin Junr Esqr had Nineteen Votes⸗

And Samuel Sewall Esqr had One Vote⸗

On the Eighteenth Day of January AD 1793 The Selectmen appointed Stephen Tuttle a Searcher & Packer of barrelled Beef &c.⸗

On the twenty first Day of January AD 1793. Stephen Tuttle was sworn into the Office of Searcher & Packer of barrelled Beef &c. By Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

On the twenty third Day of January AD 1793 The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer to pay Samuel Warren Eleven Shillings to procure Wood⸗

On the twenty fifth Day of January AD 1793 The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer to pay Samuel Jenison Eleven Shillings & Six Pence to procure Wood⸗

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Lt Samuel Wellington on Monday the 4th Day of February AD 1793. They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay Jonathan Brown Esqr in full for Service as Treasurer, as an Assessor, & for extraordinary Services Granted by the Town last April Meeting amounting to the Sum of — — £19,, 16,, 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston and Waltham on the 18th Day of February AD 1793. at the House of Mr Zechh Weston Innholder in Waltham they settled and adjusted the Accounts of the charge that has arisen for the

repairs of the Great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown since the last adjustment; which was on the 19th Day of December AD 1791: which charge amounted to the Sum of £13,, 11,, 0⸗

Watertowns part is ————	4,, 16,, 7½
Westons d° ————————	4,, 2,, 4½
Walthams d° ————————	4,, 12,, 0
	£13,, 11,, 0

At the above mentioned Meeting the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham appointed Capt John Fowle to repair the Great Bridge the Year ensuing⸗

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Lt Samuel Wellington on Thursday the 21st Day of February AD 1793. They agreed to have the Annual Town Meeting on Monday the 4th Day of March next at Nine of the clock in the forenoon and a Warrant was iſsued accordingly (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs. To Mr David Stone Constable for the Town of Watertown Greeting⸗

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth Day of March next at Nine O'Clock in the Forenoon for the following purposes Viz⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting⸗

2d To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Month of March and April annually⸗

3d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his Service⸗

4th To determine whether Swine shall run at large the ensuing Year⸗

5th To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer⸗

6th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, or act any thing thereon as they may think proper⸗

7th To grant Money to support the Poor⸗

8th To see if the Town will grant Money to build or repair any House for the Poor, or act any thing thereon as they may think proper⸗

9th To grant Money to support the Great Bridge⸗

10th To grant Money to repair the Highways and act any thing relating thereto as they may think proper—

11th To agree how the fishery shall be improved the ensuing Year, and act any thing thereon as they may think proper—

12th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts.—

13th To hear the Accounts of those Persons the Town is indebted to, and grant Money to pay the same—

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14th To know if the Town will sell their Right in the Goddard Place and act any thing thereon as they may think proper—

15th To know if the Town will take up any of the Body Seats in the Meeting house and build Pews or act any thing thereon as they may think proper: Or to make any alterations in the Singers Seats, or act any thing thereon as they may think proper—

16th To know if the Town will give their directions to the Aſseſsors to call upon their late Surveyors of Highways to make return of their Lists. or act any thing thereon as they may think proper—

17th To know if the Town will direct the Treasurer to call upon the late Collectors for a Settlement, or to act any thing thereon as they may think proper—

18th To hear the Reports of any Committee, and act thereon as they may think proper—

19th To know if the Town will repair the Ministerial fence near the House, or make a new one, and act any thing thereon as they may think proper—

You are likewise to notify the Town Creditors (except such as have taken the poor for One Year) to bring in their Acctˢ to the Seleƈtmen at the House of Mr Samuel Wellington on Friday the first Day of March next at three of the Clock in the Afternoon—Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Seleƈtmen or Town Clerk before the time appointed for said Meeting Dated at Watertown this twenty first Day of February in the Year of Our Lord One thousand, Seven hundred and Ninety three—

Amos Livermore
John Fowle
Christopher Grant
Amos Bond
Samuel Wellington

Selectmen for Watertown—

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At the aforementioned Meeting the Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz)—

To L[t] Samuel Wellington for Supplies delivered the Poor to Febr[y] 18th 1793 — — — — — — — — 9,, 4,, 5

To Amos Livermore for Clothing for Rachel Goddard — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —,, 17,, 2

To Cap[t] Daniel Jackson for repairs of the Great Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 3,, 9,, —

To Artemas Ward Treasurer for Weston a balance due from Watertown for repairs of the Great Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 1,, 7,, 7½

To Zech Weston for Selectmens expence — — — —,, 4,, —

To Jonathan Stone in full of his Premium for collecting Taxes for 1791 — — — — — — — — — 21,, 12,, —

To Stephen Harris, Enoch Hide, Cornelius Park, and John Caswell for repairing Tredeways Bridge —,, 12,, —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of L[t] Samuel Wellington on Friday the first day of March AD 1793. The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several Persons the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz) To Cap[t] Nathaniel Bemis in full of his Acc[t] for making a Coffin for John Tainter & Widow Learned — — — 1,, 10,, —

To Cap[t] John Fowle in full of his Acc[t] for Supplies delivered the Poor to the 28th of February last — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 4,, 17,, 1

To Phinehas Jenison for Service at the Widow Learneds Funeral and for a Rope for the Bell — — —,, 11,, —

To Jonas Godding in full of his Acc[t] for a Room two Months & two Days for Cornelius Park, and Phinehas Jenison Jun[r] — — — — — — — — — — 6,, 4,, —

To Benjamin Hastings in full of his Acc[t] — — — —,, 18,, 10

To Cap[t] Phinehas Stearns for mending the Towns Plough — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —,, 3,, —

To Nath[l] R. Whitney for two Books for Records —,, 17,, 10

To Nath[l] R. Whitney for what he paid the Treasurer of Waltham for the expence of Abigail Ball & for Selectmens expence at Benjamin Birds — — 6,, 9,, 3

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To Charles Nutting in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding Joseph Child's Child three Weeks & an half — „ 10„ 6

To Jonathan Child for Supplies delivered the Wife of Joseph Child to the 28th of February last — — 8„ 9„ 7

To William Popenberry in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding Mary Tainter to the 1st Day of March Instant — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 1„ 1„ 3

To Josiah Learned in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding and nursing Lydia Jenison in the Small pox — — 4„ —„ —

To Doctor Marshall Spring to the amount of the Sum granted by the Town to redeem Bridge Lottery Tickets of said Springs signing after deducting the Sums that have been paid for such Tickets

To Doctor Marshall Spring in full of his Acc^{t} for Medicine & attendance on the Poor to this Day — 29„ 14„ —

To Jonathan Stone Collector for the following Persons Taxes abated in his List for 1791 (Viz) —

John Bullards part of a Tax — — —	„	4„	—
Stephen Cooks Ministerial Tax — —	1„	11„	5
Richard Everetts ditto — — — — —	„	8„	11
Aaron Everetts d° — — — — — — —	„	5„	6
Samuel Holts d° — — — — — — — —	„	5„	—
Ebenezer Stetsons d° — — — — —	„	15„	—
Thomas Saffords d° — — — — — —	„	2„	3
James Wards d° — — — — — — — —	„	4„	9
Jonas Bonds d° — — — — — — — —	„	16„	8
Widow Dorothy Coolidges d° — — —	„	14„	2
Joshua Coolidges d° — — — — — —	„	7„	3
Jonas Goddings d° — — — — — —	„	8„	1
Samuel Learneds d° — — — — — —	„	2„	3
Josiah Norcrofs's d° — — — — — —	„	19„	5
Daniel Oakes's & Abijah Stone's d° —	„	17„	2
Benj^{a} Tainters & James Hovey's d° —	„	5„	5
Joseph Lee Esqr & Thomas Prentice's	„	3„	3 = 8„ 10„ 6

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Also to Jonathan Stone for his expence for Taxbills for the Years 1790 & 1791 — — — — — — — — —„ 14„ —

To the Selectmen for their Expences in 1791 — — 5„ —„ —

On the 4th Day of March AD 1793 Capt Moses Coolidge delivered the following Notification (Viz)—

Gentlemen This is to inform you that on the 5th Day of September last, I took into a House under my Improvement a Negro Man & Woman, by the Name of Michael Medlock & his Wife; who came last from Boston; who are in low circumstances — — Watertown March 4th 1793 ————

To the Selectmen of Watertown ————

As you may see on file——

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives upon due warning given regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 4th Day of March AD 1793 for the purpose of choosing One Grandjuror to serve on the Grand jury at the Court of*————to be held at Concord on the third Tuesday of March Instant; They Voted and chose Capt Nathaniel Bemis who was excused upon his own desire⸗

Then Voted & chose Major Thomas Mellen Grand juror⸗

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs upon due warning given, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 4th Day of March AD 1793 for the choice of Town Officers, & other Affairs as set forth in the Warrant for calling the Meeting they proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

1st Voted and chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator of the Meeting⸗

Voted & chose Nathl Ruggles Whitney Town Clerk; and was sworn into the Office of Town Clerk by Amos Bond Justice of the Peace⸗

Voted & chose Nathl Ruggles Whitney Town Treasurer⸗

Voted & chose for Selectmen

- Mr Amos Livermore
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Mr Thomas Patten & was excus'd by his desire⸗
- Col. Christopher Grant
- Capt John Fowle & was excus'd by his desire
- Lt Samuel Wellington & was excus'd by his desire
- Capt Moses Coolidge
- Mr Timothy Williams & was excus'd by his desire
- Capt Daniel Jackson

Editorial Note: space left blank in original script.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to half an Hour past two of the clock this Afternoon at this Place—

And the Meeting was adjourned accordingly—

Afternoon being met according to Adjournment—

Voted & chose for Aſseſsors { Amos Bond Esqr / M^r^. Jonathan Stone / Nathl R. Whitney

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Voted to postpone the choice of Constables for the present—

Voted and chose for Fence Viewers { Lieu^t^ Samuel Wellington / Mr Jonathan Stone

Voted and chose for Sealers of Leather { Mr Moses Warren / Mr Josiah Leavitt

Voted and chose for Tythingmen { Amos Bond Esqr & was excus'd by his desire / Mr Edmund Fowle & was excus'd by his desire

Voted and chose for Tythingmen in their stead { Mr Moses Hager—— / Mr Samuel Hager——

Voted and chose for Surveyors of Highways { William Hunt Esqr for Southwest District / Mr Jonathan Bemis for Southeast ditto— / Mr Richard Clark for Northeast d°— / Mr Adam Brown for Northwest d°—

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways repair the Town Ploughs and draw Money out of the Treasury to pay the same—

Voted and chose for Howards— { Mr Peter Clark / Mr Ezekiel Whitney

Voted and chose for Hogrieves— { Mr Samuel Fowle / Mr Josiah Mixer—

Voted and chose for Clerks of the Market { Major Thomas Mellen / Mr James Robbins—

Voted and chose for Measurers of Wood { Mr Jedidiah Leathe / Capt Daniel Jackson & was excus'd / Mr David Sanger / Mr Samuel Hall / Maj^r^ Ebenezer Kent—

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Voted and chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves { Mr Samuel Holt / Mr Stephen Tuttle }

Voted and chose for Surveyors of Timber & Lumber { Mr David Sanger / Capt Daniel Jackson }

3d Voted and chose for Sexton Mr. Phinehas Jenison and to be paid for his Services the same as last Year

4th Voted that Swine shall not run at large the ensuing Year

5th Then the Votes were brought in for a County Treasurer and Ebenezer Bridge Esqr had fifty-one Votes

6th Voted that the Money for Schools be expended in the same way and manner as it was the last Year

Voted to choose a Committee to make any alterations in the School-districts and report concerning the same at April Meeting

Voted and chose for said Committee { Mr Samuel White / Col. Fitch Hall / Lt Samuel Wellington / Mr Jonathan Child / Mr Amos Livermore / Mr Jonathan Bemis / Capt Phinehas Stearns }

Voted to excuse Mr Samuel White from serving on said Committee, by his desire

Voted and chose Capt Luke Bemis to serve on said Committee

Voted to excuse Capt Phinehas Stearns from serving on said Committee, by his desire

Voted and chose Capt John Fowle to serve on said Committee

Voted that the alterations in the School Districts be left discretionary with said Committee

Voted and granted £100 to support the Schools the present Year

7th Voted and granted £150—to support the Poor the Year ensuing———————

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8th The Article concerning the building or repairing any House for the Poor was Voted to be postponed untill April Meeting

9th Article was to grant Money to repair the Great Bridge; and it was voted to put it over to April Meeting———————

10th Voted that the Highway rate be aſseſsed by taxing each Poll half a Days work and Estates in the same proportion, and that four Shillings be allowed ℔ Day for a Man & the same for a good Team———————————

11th Voted that the Fishery be left discretionary with the Selectmen———————

12th Voted & chose for a Committee to examine the Treasurers Accts
- Mr Amos Livermore & was excus'd
- Col. Fitch Hall
- Capt Moses Coolidge & was excus'd
- Mr Timothy Williams
- Capt John Fowle

13th Voted to grant Andrew White Junr in full of his Acct for boarding his late Mother Deceas'd ——————————————— £6,, 10,, 0

Voted to grant Jonas Godding in full of his Acct for House rent for Phinehas Jenison Junr ——— 4,, 14,, 0

Voted to grant the Selectmens Expence the Year past ——————————————— 5,, 0,, 0

Voted to grant Amos Bond Esqr for his Service as an Aſseſsor last Year ——————— 2,, 16,, 0

Voted to grant Mr Jonathan Stone for his Service as an Aſseſsor last Year ——————— 2,, 16,, 0

Voted to grant Nathl R. Whitney for his Service as an Aſseſsor last Year ——————— 2,, 16,, 0

Voted to grant Nathl R. Whitney for his Service as Treasurer last Year ——————— 6,, 0,, 0

Voted to grant David Stone for warning two Town-meetings ——————————— 1,, 4,, 0

14th Voted to choose a Committee to hear Capt Daniel Jacksons proposals concerning the Goddard place and make a report at April Meeting———————

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Voted & chose for said Committee—
- Mr Edmund Fowle
- Mr David Sanger
- Mr Amos Livermore

15th Voted that the Selectmen be directed to take up the two back Seats in the Body of the Meeting house & build four Pews———————Then Voted that said Pews shall be built in uniformity with the other Pews in the Body,—and

be sold at Public auction on the same conditions as the other Pews were in the Meeting house———————

Voted to choose a Committee to consult with the Singers to know the most convenient way of having their Seats alter'd; and the expence the same will amount to, and make a report concerning the same at April Meeting

Voted & chose for s[d] Committee { Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot / Nath[l] R. Whitney / M[r] Moses Warren

16th Voted that the Aſſeſſors be directed to call on the old Surveyors of Highways to return their Lists to the Aſſeſſors and those that have not work'd their Taxes; the Aſſeſſors are directed to enter them in separate Columns in the next Highway Tax-bills———————

17th Voted to choose a Committee to search into the Affair between Jonathan Brown Esq[r] a late Treasurer and M[r] Richard Clark a late Collector and make a report concerning the same at April Meeting———————

Voted and chose for said Committee { William Hunt Esq[r] / Amos Bond Esq[r] / Cap[t] John Fowle

18th Nothing done relating thereto———————

19th Voted to build a decent fence near the Ministerial house and that the Selectmen be impowered to build said fence according to their Judgment & pay for the same out of the Money that the Town may receive for the Pews————

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to call on all the late Collectors for a Settlement & report a statement at May Meeting———————

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Voted that the Collection of Taxes be farm'd out to the lowest bidder on the same Conditions as they were the last Year———

The East List of Town, County & State Taxes were put up, & struck of to M[r] Nathaniel Stone for /8 ½ ℔ Pound.

The West List of Town, County & State Taxes were put up & struck of to M[r] Edmund Fowle for /12 ¼ ℔ Pound———

Voted & chose Meſs[rs] Edmund Fowle & Nathaniel Stone Collectors of Taxes———————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to M[r] Nathaniel Weld's House at half an hour after seven of the clock this Evening

The Meeting was accordingly declared adjourned

The Meeting being opened at the aforementioned time & place— The Hay scales were let at Public auction to Mr Joseph Nixon for the term of One Year to be paid quarterly as it shall become due for twenty five Dollars & an half—

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Public Meeting house in said Town on the first Monday in April next at two of the clock P M.—The Meeting was accordingly declared adjourned— Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices hereafter mentioned to which they were chosen on said Day, by Nath[l] Ruggles Whitney Town Clerk (Viz)

Mr Jonathan Stone Fence viewer———

Mr. Moses Warren Sealer of Leather———

Mr Adam Brown Surveyor of Highways———

Mr Ezekiel Whitney Howard———

Messrs Samuel Fowle & Josiah Mixer Hogrieves———

Mr James Robbins Clerk of the Market———

Deacon Jedidiah Leathe Measurer of Wood———

Capt Daniel Jackson Surveyor of Timber & Lumber———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld on the Eleventh Day of March AD 1793 The following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices hereafter named to which they were chosen on the 4th of March Inst by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk (Viz)

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Lt Samuel Wellington Fence viewer———

William Hunt Esqr, Lt Jonathan Bemis & Mr Richard Clark Surveyors of Highways———

Majr Thomas Mellen Clerk of the Market———

Mr Samuel Hall Measurer of Wood———

Messrs Samuel Holt & Stephen Tuttle Cullers of Hoops & Staves

Mr David Sanger Surveyor of Timber & Lumber———

The following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices hereafter named to which they were chosen on the said 4th Day of March 1793 By William Hunt Justice of the peace (Viz)—

Amos Bond Esqr
Mr Jonathan Stone } Aſsesſors
Nath[l] R. Whitney

And Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer———

March 14th AD 1793 The Selectmen signed an Order on the Town Treasurer directing him to pay to Sam[l] Warren to procure Wood — — — — — — — — — — — — — £0,, 12,, 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Welds on the 18th Day of March AD 1793. The Conditions of the Sale of the fishery were drawn & are as follows (Viz)⸗
The priviledge of taking the Fish three Days in each Week only in Watertown below the Old Mill-dam (Viz) Lease to the highest bidder for the term of One Year next ensuing he paying £5. ℔ Cent earnest Money and the remainder on the first Day of September next; to have the Improvement of three Seines during the aforementioned term of One Year, if the Seines are damaged by neglect or misusage; those who use or improve said Seines shall pay to the Town such damage as shall be judg'd by three Men: One to be chosen by the Selectmen, One by the Person who improves the fishery, and the third by the Selectmen and the Person who improves the fishery⸗

Then the fishery was leas'd to Mr Samuel Wellington for ——————————————————— £38,, 0—

He paid as earnest Money ——————————— 1,, 16
And gave his Note payable the 1st of Septr next for — 36,, 4

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At the aforementioned Meeting the Selectmen issued a Warrant for a Town Meeting (Viz)⸗
Middlesex ss. To Mr David Stone Constable for the Town of Watertown Greeting————————
You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first Day of April next at two of the clock P M. to give in their Votes for One Representative that is an Inhabitant in the first District, comprehending the Counties of Suffolk, Essex & Middlesex, to represent the said District, in the Congress of the United States of America———
Also to give in their Votes for Governor, & Lt Governor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Also for Senators for the County of Middlesex————Also you are hereby required forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on the aforementioned first Day of April next at three of the clock P M. for the following purposes (Viz)⸗
1st To choose a Moderator for the Meeting————

2d To hear the application of any Persons for the abatements of any Persons Taxes & act any thing thereon as they may think proper——

3d To know the mind of the Town what they will do with any Pews in the Meeting house that has reverted to the Town, or act any thing thereon as they may think proper————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the times appointed for said Meetings——Dated at Watertown this Eighteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety three————

Amos Livermore	Amos Bond	Selectmen
Christopher Grant	Moses Coolidge	for
Daniel Jackson	————————	Watertown———

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At the aforementioned Meeting of the Selectmen on the 18th Day of March AD 1793. The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz.)

To Andrew White Junr in full of his Acct for boarding & nursing his late Mother Deceas'd —	£ 6,, 10,, —
To Mr Nathaniel Weld for expence in letting the fishery ————————————	—,, 6,, —
To Capt John George, Capt John Fowle & Mr James Robbins a Committee to procure Seines for the fishery ————————————	18,, —,, —
	24,, 16,, —

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, upon due warning given regularly afsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first Day of April AD 1793 to give in their Votes for One Representative that is an Inhabitant in the first District consisting of the Counties of Suffolk, Efsex & Middlesex to represent the said District in the Congrefs of the United States of America—Also to give in their Votes for Governor & Lt Governor for the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts.—And also to give in their Votes for Senators for the County of Middlesex: The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in, sorted and counted, and

it appeared that Samuel Holten Esqr had thirty four Votes——
Benjamin Austin Junr had ten Votes ————————

Then the Votes for Governor were called for brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that Elbridge Gerry Esqr had 30 Votes
His Excellency John Hancock Esqr had———————— 23 Votes

Then the Votes for Lt Governor were called for, brought in, sorted & counted and it appeared that the Honorable Samuel Adams Esqr had thirty six Votes————————————

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Then the Votes for Senators were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, and it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes as set against each of their Names (Viz)———

Elbridge Gerry Esqr had — — — —	35 Votes
Ebenezer Bridge Esqr — — — — — —	35
Eleazer Brooks Esqr — — — — — — —	32
Joseph B. Varnum Esqr— — — — — —	34
Joseph Hosmer Esqr — — — — — — —	34
Timothy Bigelow — — — — — — — —	2
Timothy Williams — — — — — — — —	1

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first Day of April AD 1793 by adjournment from March Meeting they proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Mr Andrew Blackman Constable————

Voted to excuse Mr Andrew Blackman from serving as Constable upon his desire————————————

Voted & chose Meſs^{rs} Leonard Bond & Stephen Cook Constables—

Voted & chose for Firewards { Col. Fitch Hall; Mr Timothy Williams; Mr James Robbins }

Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney a Pound keeper————————

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The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Town Treasurers Acc^{ts} was read (Viz)————————That Nathl Ruggles Whitney Town Treas$^{r's}$ Credit is — — — — £1308,, 9,, 2¾
And has charg'd himself with — — — — — 1305,, 0,, 10¼

Balance due the Treasurer is — — — — — £ 3,, 8,, 4½

The above is a just and true Statement of the Treasurer's Accounts to the 30th Day of March 1793 as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same———————

Fitch Hall
Timothy Williams } Committee
John Fowle

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts———————

Voted to build a House for the poor———————

Voted to choose a Committee to fix a plan for a House for the poor & make report at May Meeting———————

Voted & chose for said Committee———— Mr Amos Livermore, Mr Jonathan Stone, Lt Samuel Wellington, Mr Edmund Fowle, Lt Joseph Bright, Mr Jonas White, Jr, William Hunt Esqr & was excus'd, Capt Nathaniel Bemis

Voted & chose Mr Elkanah Wales a Sealer of Leather————

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee that examined into the Affair between Jonathan Brown Esqr late Treasurer and Mr Richard Clark a late Collector———————

As you may see on file

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Then Majr Ebenezer Kents Account for warning Town-Meetings the Year past was read————

It was Voted to leave said Account discretionary with the Selectmen———————

Voted to Grant Mr David Stone in full of his Account for warning April Meeting — — — — — — — — — — £0,, 12,, 0

Voted to Grant the Singers Liberty to have a Pew erected instead of the Seats that they now have, said Pew to extend from the Ile in the Womens Gallery, round to include the Ile in the front———————

Voted to choose a Committee for the purpose———————

Voted & chose for said Committee———— Mr Joseph Nixon, Mr Samuel Babcock, Mr Moses Warren———————

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to draw an Order on the Treasurer to pay for said Pew———————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to May Meeting———

The Meeting was accordingly declared adjourned———

Then the other Meeting was opened as set forth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting & proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator of the Meeting—

Voted to sell the four new Pews this Evening at public Auction———————Voted to sell the Pew this Evening that was Deacon Samuel Fisks which now reverts to the Town, said Pews to be sold on the same conditions as the other Pews in the Meeting house were sold————

Voted to put of the Sale of Mr Josiah Capen's Pew to May Meeting————

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld at seven of the clock this Evening————

The Meeting was according declared adjourned.

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The Meeting being opened at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld Innholder in Watertown on the Evening of the first of April 1793 by adjournment from the Meeting-house

The Conditions for Sale of the Pews were drawn (Viz) The purchaser to pay £5 ℔ Cent down, and the remainder at the end of One Month———————————

The Pew that was Deacon Samuel Fisks was struck of to Col. Fitch Hall for — — — — — — —	£40,, 0,, 0
The Pew that is in front in the Body of the Meeting house on the right hand of the broad Ile was struck of to Major Moses White for — — —	£38,, 10,, 0
The Pew that is in front in the Body of the Meeting-house on the left hand of the broad Ile was struck of to Capt Luke Bemis for — — — —	£37,, 0,, 0
The Pew that is in front of Capt Luke Bemis's former Pew and on the right hand of Major Moses Whites Pew was struck of to Mr Nathaniel Weld for — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	£30,, 0,, 0
The Pew that is in front of Mr Samuel Sodens Pew & on the left hand of Capt Luke Bemis's new Pew was struck of to Capt John Fowle for — —	£30,, 0,, 0

Voted to reconsider the Vote for putting of the Sale of Mr Josiah Capens Pew———————

Voted to sell the Pew that was Mr Josiah Capens at the South east———corner of the Gallery this Evening————

Said Pew was put up at public auction and struck of to Mr Zipheon Thayer for — — — — — — — — £12,, 0,, 0

Major Moses White paid in part for his Pew — 4,, 10,, 0

Capt John Fowle paid in part for his Pew — — 1,, 10,, 0

Voted to choose a Committee to search the Records & see if there are any Pews that revert to the Town————

Voted & chose for said Committee Mr Francis Faulkner, Capt Daniel Jackson——

Voted to reconsider the former Vote————————

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Then the following Persons were put out to board for the Year ensuing (Viz)—

The Widow Deliverance Whitney to Daniel Bernard for 5/11 ℔ Week————————

Benjamin Whitney was put to Nathaniel Stone Junr for 2/10 ℔ Week————————————

Rachel Goddard was put to Abigail Goddard for 6/3 ℔ Week—

Ruth Maddox was put to Daniel Oakes for 4/3 ℔ Week———

Mr Nathaniel Weld paid in part for his Pew — — — £1,, 10,, 0

Mr Zipheon Thayer paid in part for his Pew — — — 0,, 12,, 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld on the eighth Day of April AD 1793. The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several Persons the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz)—

To discount & allow to Mr Edmund Fowle Collector the several Sums set to the several Persons in his List of Taxes being their

Ministerial Tax (Viz)	James Hovey — — —	2/3	
	Stephen Cook — — —	6/10	
	Richard Everett — —	8/1	
	Aaron Everett — —	5/3	
	Ebenezer Stetson —	15/—	
	Samuel Holt — — —	4/9	
	Thomas Safford — —	2/3	£2,, 4,, 5

To Phinehas Jenison for his Service as Sexton last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 4,, —,, —

To Elijah Bond for boarding & clothing Anna Rainger to the 5th of April Instant — — — — — — 10,, 7,, 10

To Solomon Prentice in full of his Acc[t] for boarding Rachel Goddard, & for mending her Clothes to the 5th of April Instant — — — — — — — — — 16,, 1,, —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nathaniel Weld on the Twenty second Day of April AD 1793—They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz).

To discount & allow to L[t] Samuel Wellington Collector the several Sums set to the several Persons in his Lists of Taxes in the Years 1788 & 1789 abated by the Selectmen—

		s	d	
Viz.——1788	Samuel Babcock one Poll Tax —	13	7	
	Abraham Whitney Ditto — —	13	7	
	Ebenezer Kent Ditto — — —	13	7	
	James Barry — — — — — —	13	7	
	Everett — — — — — —	13	7	
	Richard Hunt — — — — —	13	7	
	Joseph Park — — — — — —	13	7	
	Spear — — — — — —	13	7	
	William Sanger — — — — —	17	—	
	John Tainter — — — — — —	22	11	
	Joel White — — — — — —	21	3	
1789	Joseph Prentice — — — — —	13	5	
	William Spear — — — — —	13	5	
	Elisha Houghton — — — —	13	5	
	Ebenezer Stetson — — — —	16	6	
	Thomas Safford — — — — —	2	2	
	Richard Everett — — — — —	6	4	
	In Hastings's Right — — —		8	
	Aaron Everett — — — — —	4	—	
	In Springs Right — — — —	1	3	
	Samuel Holt — — — — — —	4	—	£12,, 5,, 0

Also To L[t] Samuel Wellington his premium in full for collecting Taxes in the Years 1788 & 1789 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 41,, 2,, 2¾

Also to L[t] Samuel Wellington in full of his Acc[t] for House rent for Sam[l] Jenison to the 13th of April Instant — — — — — — — — — — — — 3,, 0,, 0

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To Nathaniel Stone Junr in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding & clothing Ruth Maddox & boarding Benjamin Whitney the Year past — — — — 20,, 17,, 4

To Daniel Bernard in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding & clothing the Widow Deliverance Whitney to the 5th of April Instant — — — — — — — — 13,, 19,, 0

The Selectmen agreed with James Bernard to board Anna Rainger the Year ensuing for 4/9 ℔ Week———————

The Selectmen at their Meeting on the said 22^{d} Day of April agreed to have a Town Meeting on the 6th Day of May next and iſsued a Warrant for said Meeting (Viz)—

To Mr David Stone one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town, being twenty one Years of Age, and resident in said Town for the space of One Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town, of the annual Income of Three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of Sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth Day of May next at three O'Clock P M. for the purpose of choosing One Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next— Hereof fail not &c—

Also You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on said sixth Day of May at four O'clock P M. for the following purposes (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for the Meeting————

2^{d} To know the mind of the Town whether they will erect a covering over the Hay scales, or act any thing thereon as they may think proper

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3^{d} To know the mind of the Town whether they will grant Money to defray the expence of the Singing School the Winter past, or to make up what Sum is deficient to defray said expence or act any thing thereon as they may think proper———

4th To know the mind of the Town whether they will grant Money to pay the expence of the Engine house, or to make

up what is deficient for building said House or act any thing thereon as they may think proper———————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the Times appointed for said Meetings—Given under our Hands & Seals this Twenty second Day of April In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety three.

Amos Livermore
Christopher Grant
Amos Bond
Daniel Jackson
} Selectmen for Watertown

At the aforementioned Meeting the Selectmen agreed to let at Public Auction on the 6th of May next Ephraim Warrens Pasture & Meadow; and directed the Clerk to give Notice of the same by posting up Notifications; which was according done———————

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives upon due warning given regularly met together at the Public Meeting house in said Town on the sixth Day of May AD 1793, and did then elect Amos Bond Esqr to represent them the ensuing Year in the General Court appointed to be convened and held for the Government's Service at the State house in Boston upon the last Wednesday of May Instant———————

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Voted to choose a Committee to consist of eight Persons to join in a Petition to the General Court for a grant of Money or other Aid, to enable the Towns of Watertown, Waltham & Weston to widen & repair the Great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown—Also for an Act of the General Court to cause to be constructed a Draw in the Bridge over Charles River in Cambridge that Sloops & Lighters may pafs up said River———

Voted & chose for said Committee
- William Hunt Esqr
- Doctor Marshall Spring
- Col. Fitch Hall
- Capt John Fowle & was excus'd
- Mr Timothy Williams
- Mr Edmund Fowle & was excus'd
- Majr Thomas Mellen
- Capt Daniel Jackson
- Capt John George
- Capt Luke Bemis———————

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth Day of May AD 1793 for the purpose of transacting the Buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting they proceeded as follows. (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator of the Meeting—

Voted to excuse Meſsrs Moses Hager & Samuel Hager from serving as Tythingmen————————

Voted & Granted £7,, 10 to repair the Great Bridge———

Voted to reconsider the former Vote concerning the building a House for the poor & Voted not to build one————

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Voted to abate Elisha Learneds Tax in Lt Joseph Bright's List ——————————————————— 1,, 2,, 9

Voted not to abate Doctor Woods Taxes in said Brights List—

Voted that Lt Joseph Bright be directed to collect Mrs Mary Cockran's Taxes in his List————————

Voted that Lt Joseph Bright be directed to collect George Feachams Tax when he returns————————

Voted to abate Doctor Benjamin Parkers Tax in said Bright's List it being ——————————————— £0,, 9,, 8

Voted that the Treasurer with William Hunt Esqr be directed to search into the Treasurers Books concerning Daniel Parker & the Town & make report concerning the same at the next Meeting————————

Then the Treasurer's Report concerning the outstanding Taxes was read————As you may see on file————

Voted that the outstanding Taxes be left discretionary with the Selectmen concerning the directing the Treasurer to iſsue Executions against the Collectors for the Taxes in said Lists—

Voted not to abate Convers Springs Taxes in Mr Richard Clark's List————————

Voted to reconsider the last Vote, & Voted to abate Convers Springs Taxes in said Clarks List being ——— £2,, 17,, 2

Voted to abate Doctor Benjamin Parkers Taxes in said Clark's List being ——————————————— £1,, 0,, 1½

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to credit Mr Richard Clark to the amount of Daniel Parkers Taxes in said Clark's List & charge the same to Daniel Parker on the Town Books amounting to ——————————————— £1,, 12,, 1¼

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to credit Lt Joseph Bright to the amount of Daniel Parkers Taxes in said Bright's List and charge the same to Daniel Parker on the Town Books———

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Voted to excuse Mr Stephen Cook from serving as Constable—
Voted & chose Mr Joseph Nixon Constable————
Meſs^rs^ Leonard Bond & Joseph Nixon were sworn into the Office of Constables by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk———
Voted & chose Mr Nathaniel Bridge Sealer of Leather
Voted that the Selectmen be directed to settle with Stephen Dana Esqr concerning Maj^r^ Josiah Capen's Lists of Taxes———

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth Day of May AD 1793 for the purpose of transacting the Buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting they proceeded as follows (Viz)————————

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator of the Meeting—

2^d^ Voted to build a Shed over the Hay scales————————
Voted to choose a Committee to build said Shed & that they be directed to build it as they may think proper—

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Mr Samuel Wellington
- Mr Jonas White Junr
- Mr Nathl Weld & was excus'd
- Capt John Fowle

Voted that said Committee present the Account to the Selectmen for building said Shed & draw an Order on the Treasurer for payment————————

Then the following Conditions were drawn (Viz) Ephraim Warren Pasture is to be let for the term of one Year; The Person that hires said Pasture is to have Liberty to procure fence & to have the prime cost of the fencing Stuff deducted from the rent————————

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Ephraim Warrens Pasture was let to Mr Samuel Wellington on the aforementioned Conditions for Three Pounds————
Ephraim Warren's Meadow was let to Mr Jonas White Junr for the term of One Year for Two Pounds, Eight Shillings————
May 7th AD 1793 Mr Nathaniel Bridge was sworn into the Office of Sealer of Leather, by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk—

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown at the House of Lt Samuel Wellington on Monday the 13th Day of May AD 1793 for the purpose of choosing One Grand-Juror and appointing two Petit Jurors to serve at the Circuit Court to be holden at Boston within & for our District on the 7th Day of June next———————

Voted & chose Capt Daniel Jackson Grand Juror———
Messrs Jonas White Junr & Thomas Patten were appointed Petit Jurors———————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Lt Samuel Wellington on Monday the 13th Day of May AD 1793 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz)———————

To Aaron & Isaac Dana in full of their Acct for Materials & for Labor at the Meeting house—	£8,, 0,, 8
To Richard Clark Collector for abatement of Convers Springs Taxes for the Years 1785, 1786 & 1787 amounting to ————————	2,, 17,, 2
To Richard Clark Collector for Doctor Benjamin Parker & Daniel Parker's Taxes for 1785, 1786 & 1787 ————————————	2,, 12,, 2¾
To Richard Clark Collector for Cash paid William Hunt Esqr to redeem Watertown Bridge Lottery Tixkets ————————	2,, 10,, 0
To Richard Clark Collector for Cash paid to Nathl Gorham Esqr in part for the Bell ——	10,, 0,, —
To Majr Ebenezer Kent in full for warning four Town Meetings from March 1792 to March 1793 ————————————	2,, 8,, —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld on the 27th Day of May AD 1793—The Selectmen appointed the following persons for Engine Men (Viz)—

Messrs	Samuel Holt	Joseph Peirce
	Israel Cook	John Tucker
	Blake Sparhawk	Francis Spur
	John Hunt	Oliver Fuller
	Daniel Bond	Samuel Nutting
	James Symmes	David Dale
	Aaron Dana	Jedidiah White
	Stephen Tuttle	George Fefsenden
	Isaac Dana	Joseph Stone

The Selectmen also signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to Mr Jonathan Stone in full of his Account for serving as an Aſsesſor in the Years 1790 & 1791 — — — £3,, 12,, 0
Also to Mr Jonathan Stone for abatement of

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At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld on the 27th Day of May AD 1793 for the purpose of appointing One Petit Juror to serve at the Circuit Court to be held at Boston on the 7th Day of June next Mr James Robbins was appointed
The Selectmen directed the Treasurer to purchase Scale and Weights for the Aſsize of Bread————————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld Innholder in Watertown on the 17th Day of June AD 1793 They settled the Charge of Abigail Ball which had arisen since the 20th Day of June AD 1792 to the 20th Day of June 1793————which amounted to the

Sum of — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £11,, 9,, 8

Watertown's part amounted to — — — 5,, 17,, 8
Waltham's ditto — — — — — — — — — 5,, 12,, —

£11,, 9,, 8

Watertown's part was paid to the Selectmen of Waltham by Nath[l] R. Whitney Treasurer for Watertown————————
At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld on the said 17th of June They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz)—

To Jonathan Child in full of his Acct for Supplies delivered Joseph Child's Wife to the 11th of May 1793 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 1,, 4,, 9

To Benjamin Hastings in full of his Acct for finding Materials & building the Ministerial fence — — 15,, 12,, —

To George Feſsenden in full of his Acct for fixing the Fire Engine — — — — — — — — — — — — — —,, 10,, —

To Abra Whitney in full for boarding his Daughters Child the Year past — — — — — — — — — — — — 4,, —,, —

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June 29th 1793 Jonathan Brown Esqr delivered the following Notification (Viz)———This is to inform you that on the third Day of April last I took into my Family a Young Woman by the Name of Elizabeth Flagg from Waltham who is in low circumstances————

Adam Brown for
Jonathan Brown

To the Selectmen of Watertown ——

Watertown June 29th 1793——

July 21st 1793 The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to Nathaniel Bridge in full of his Acct for keeping School to the 21st of July Instant —— £15,, 6,, 0

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld on the 5th Day of August AD 1793

They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz)

To Amos Bond Esqr in full of his Acct for Supplies delivered the poor ————————	1,, 19,, 8
To the Selectmen for their expence the Year past	5,, —,, —
To Amos Bond Esqr for Service as an Afsefsor the Year past ————————————	2,, 16,, —
To Jonathan Stone for the like Service ———	2,, 16,, —
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for the like Service ——	2,, 16,, —
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Service as Treasurer last Year ————————————	6,, —,, —
To David Stone for warning Town Meetings —	1,, 4,, —
To Doctor Walter Hunnewell in full of his Acct for innoculating & attending Cornelius Park's Family in the small pox ————————	2,, 8,, 6
To William Popenberry in full of his Acct for boarding Mary Tainter to the 26th of July AD 1793 ————————————	3,, 3,, —
	£28,, 3,, 2

At the aforementioned Meeting The Selectmen agreed to allow Abigail Goddard six Dollars a Year for that part of the House that the Town improves————

Also agreed to have a Town Meeting on Monday the 16th Day of September next————————

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At the aforementioned Meeting the Selectmen appointed Samuel Holt a Searcher & packer of barreled Beef &c. for the Year ensuing—And he was sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————————

August 27th AD 1793 Nathaniel Stone was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld on Monday the 2[d] Day of September AD 1793 The Selectmen iſsued Warrants for a Town Meeting (Viz)⸗

To M[r] Joseph Nixon one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town (in your District) qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixteenth Day of September Instant at four of the clock P M. to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for the Meeting————

2[d] To hear the request of M[r] Richard Clark respecting a settlement of his several Tax Bills & to appoint a Committee, or agree upon Referees to settle same, or act any thing thereon as they may think proper————————

3[d] To hear the request of any Person, or Persons that have been in the Service of the late American War, or act any thing thereon as they may think proper————————

4th To know if the Town will direct their Clerk at the request of Col. Fitch Hall to enter on Records the Pew that was struck of at Public Auction to Col. Fitch Hall, be set to Col. Fitch Hall & M[r] Timothy Williams in equal Shares——

5th To take into consideration a Letter from Thomas Ruſsel Esq[r] President of the Merchants of Boston or act any thing thereon——

6th To know if the Town will erect a Gate for the old Burying place————————

Hereof

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Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the time appointed for said Meeting, Dated at Watertown this second Day of September in the Year of Our Lord One thousand, Seven hundred & Ninety three————————

Amos Livermore
Daniel Jackson
Moses Coolidge
Amos Bond—

Selectmen for Watertown

Also the like Warrant was iſsued to M[r] Leonard Bond Constable for the East District—
At the aforementioned Meeting the Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz)—

To the Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot the Sum of One hundred Pounds to be paid quarterly as it shall become due out of the last Ministerial aſseſsment which will be in full for his present Years Salary beginning the 7th Day of May last past————

To Cap[t] Daniel Jackson in full of his Acc[t] for Supplies delivered the poor to this Day ————	10	9	9
To Cap[t] Moses Coolidge in full of his Acc[t] ————	—	6	—
To Joseph Nixon in full of his Acc[t] for finding Materials & erecting the Singers Pew ————	17	13	6

The Selectmen at said Meeting appointed Cap[t] Abner Craft & Jedidiah White Searchers & packers of barreled Beef &c for the Year ensuing——And they were sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————
Sept[r] 7th AD 1793 M[r] Edmund Fowle was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nathaniel Weld Innholder in Watertown on the 9th Day of September AD 1793 They approbated the following Persons to receive Licence for Innholders & Retailers (Viz)—

Innholders
- Edward Richardson
- Samuel Wellington
- Nathaniel Weld

Retailers
- Cap[t] John Fowle
- Cap[t] Dan[l] Jackson
- Timothy Williams
- Cap[t] John George
- Maj[r] Moses White & C°
- Jeremiah Fowle
- Nath[l] Soley

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified to vote in Town affairs upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 16th Day of September AD 1793 for the purpose of transacting the Buſineſs as set forth in the Warrants for calling the Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Doctor Marshall Spring Moderator for the Meeting

2d Voted to appoint a Committee of three Persons to defend any Suits that may hereafter arise by Richard Clark against the Town

Voted & chose for said Committee——— Jonathan Brown Junr, William Hunt Esqr, Lt Samuel Wellington

Voted to excuse Jona Brown Junr from serving on said Committee

Voted & chose Mr Edmund Fowle for one of said Committee

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld at seven of the clock this Evening. The Meeting was accordingly adjourn'd———

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The Meeting being opened at said time & place by adjournment from the Meeting house proceeded as follows

3d Article was to hear the request of any Person or Person that have been in the Service of the late American War

Voted to choose a Committee of enquiry & that they be empowered to settle with the Claimers———

Voted & chose for said Committee Mr Samuel White, Nath[l] R. Whitney, Amos Bond Esqr & was excus'd, Mr Amos Livermore & was excus'd, Capt Moses Coolidge

Voted to excuse Mr Samuel White & chose Mr Richard Clark

Voted to excuse Mr Richard Clark & chose Mr Edmund Fowle

Voted & chose Mr Adam Brown & was excus'd

Voted & chose Deacon Jedidiah Leathe & was excus'd

Voted & chose Mr Thomas Clark & was excus'd

Voted & chose Doctor Marshall Spring & was excus'd

Voted & chose Majr Thomas Mellen & was excus'd

Voted & chose Capt Nath[l] Bemis for one of said Committee

Voted that said Committee be directed to meet on this present Week———

4th Voted that the Clerk be directed to enter on Records the Pew set to Col. Fitch Hall—be set to Col. Fitch Hall and Timothy Williams in equal Shares———

5th Voted to choose a Committee to answer to the Letter of Thomas Rufsell Esqr————

Voted & chose for said Committee———— { Doctor Marshall Spring / Amos Bond Esqr———— / William Hunt Esqr————

6th Voted that the Selectmen be directed to erect a Gate at the old Burying place————

September 23d AD 1793 The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay Saml Warren to procure Wood
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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld on Monday the 7th Day of October AD 1793 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz)

To Abigail Goddard in full of her Acct for House-rent for Bezl Learned to 13th of last June — — — 1,, 16,, —

Also To Abigail Goddard in full of her Acct for boarding Rachel Goddard to the 5th of Oct Instant 8,, 2,, 6

To Mefsrs Moses Coolidge, Joseph Bright & Thomas Clark a Committee for the East-School district, it being in full for their proportion of Money for the Year 1793 — — — — — — — — — 33,, 6,, 8

To Leonard Bond for his Service in the late American War as a Bounty granted by the Town according to the scale of depreciation allowing Interest from the time said Bond made a Demand for his Money — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 29,, 5,, 3

To Capt Daniel Jackson for ditto — — — — — — 13,, 5,, 4

Also The Selectmen directed Nathl R. Whitney to procure a pair of Shoes for Samuel Jenison & a pair of ditto for his Wife—

At a Public Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Watertown at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 21st of October AD 1793 for the purpose of choosing One Grand Juror to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court of this Commonwealth, to be holden at Cambridge for the County of Middlesex on the last Tuesday of October Instant—Also to appoint two Petit Jurors to serve at said Court————

Voted & chose Lieut Moses Stone for Grand Juror————

Mefsrs Edmund Fowle & John George were appointed Petit Jurors—

At said Meeting the Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names (Viz)—To James Gilbert in full of his Acct for a pair of Shoes for Samˡ Jenison & for a pair of ditto for his Wife — — —„ 13„ 6

To Amos Bond Esqr for service as an Aſseſsor in the Year 1791 — — — — — — — — — — — 1„ 16„ —

To Meſsrs Thomas Farrington & Samuel Janes Heirs to the Estate of Samuel Fish Esqr Deceas'd in full for the Pew in Watertown Meeting house which fell to the said Deceas'd; and by the former Votes of said Town in settling the Pews in said Meeting house, has since reverted to said Town — — — — — — — — — — 2„ 9„ 6½

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathˡ Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the 1st of November AD 1793, for the purpose of appointing one Man to serve as a Petit Juror at the Supreme Judicial Court now holden at Cambridge within & for our County of Middlesex————
Mr Josiah Mixer was drawn out of the Box as the Law directs⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathˡ Weld Innholder in Watertown on the 11th Day of November AD 1793, for the purpose of appointing three Petit Jurors to serve at the Court of Common pleas & Court of General Seſsions of the peace to be holden at Cambridge on the last Tuesday of November Instant———Meſsrs Paul Learned, Israel Cook & Joshua Grant were drawn out of the Box as the Law directs————

On the 18th Day of November AD 1793 The Revd Richard R. Eliot delivered the following Notification (Viz)⸗

Watertown 18th Novr 1793————
This is to certify that I the Subscriber on the 19th Day of October last took into my Family a Young Woman named Hannah Loker, who came from Mr Jonas Bernard's of this Town, & says she is a Native of Sudbury, & appears to be in low circumstances

Richard R. Eliot————

To the Selectmen of the Town of Watertown⸗

As you may see on file⸗

November 27th AD 1793————The Selectmen approbated John Durant Jr to receive Licence for a Retailer————

November 28th AD 1793 Nath[l] R. Whitney was sworn into the Office of Sealer of Weights & Measures, at the Court of General Sefsions of the peace, held at Cambridge by Abr[a] Biglow Esq[r] Clerk of said Court————————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on the 2[d] of December AD 1793 The Selectmen appointed Stephen Tuttle a Searcher & Packer of barrelled Beef, Pork &c. for the ensuing Year———And he was sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk.

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At the Meeting aforesaid on the 2[d] of December AD 1793 The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)————————

To Nath[l] Bridge in full of his Acc[t] for keeping School to the 7th of November last — — — — — —	16,,	16,,	8
To Cap[t] Abner Craft in full of his Acc[t] for a Room improv'd for a Woman's School for the West-district in 1792 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,,	4,,	—
To William Popenberry in full of his Acc[t] for boarding Mary Tainter to 26th of October last 13 Weeks — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,,	19,,	—
To Jonathan Stone in full for his Premium for collecting Taxes for the Year 1792 — — — — — —	19,,	4,,	8
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for a Load of Wood delivered Sam[l] Warren — — — — — — — — — — — — —	—,,	12,,	—
To David Stone in full of his Acc[t] for warning a Town Meeting — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	—,,	12,,	—
To Cap[t] Daniel Jackson to procure Supplies for the poor — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,,	—,,	—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 6th Day of January AD 1794 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)————————

To Stephen Dana Esq[r] Administrator to the Estate of Josiah Capen Deceas'd, it being for

several person's Taxes abated in said Capen's Tax-bills amounting to — — — — — — — — — —	7,,	10,,	—
To M[r] Amos Livermore in full of his Acc[t] — — —	14,,	15,,	3
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full of his Acc[t] for keeping School & for supplying the School with Wood in 1793 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	33,,	6,,	8
To Ditto for Cash paid for a Load of Wood delivered Sam[l] Warren — — — — — — — — — —	—,,	11,,	—
To Luda Harris in full of his Acc[t] for a pair of Shoes delivered Bez[l] Learned — — — — — — — —	—,,	8,,	—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the said 6th Day of January AD 1794—They appointed the following persons Engine-men for the ensuing Year (Viz)—

Samuel Holt	Blake Sparhawk
Israel Cook	James Symmes
Stephen Tuttle	Isaac Dana
Jedidiah White	Francis Spur
Oliver Fuller	Samuel Nutting
Daniel Bond	David Dale
Samuel Robbins	Aaron Dana
Neverson Greenard	George Fefsenden
John Hunt	Luther Barnes———

As you may see on file————————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 3[d] Day of February AD 1794 They agreed to have a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Waltham & Weston at the House of M[r] Benj[a] Bird Innholder in Waltham, on Monday the 17th Day of February Instant at three of the clock in the Afternoon to settle & adjust the charge that has arisen for the repairs of the Great Bridge in Watertown, since the last adjustment & directed the Clerk to notify them, which was accordingly done————————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town's of Watertown, Weston & Waltham at the House of M[r] Benj[a] Bird Innholder in Waltham on Monday the 17th Day of February AD 1794 They settled & adjusted the Accompts of the charge that has arisen for the repairs of the Great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown since the last adjustment which was on the 18th Day of February AD 1793 which charge amounted to the Sum of—

	£		
	12	0	1
Watertown's part is ———————	4	5	4
Weston's ditto ———————————	3	16	2
Waltham's ditto ———————————	3	18	7
	£12	0	1

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At the Meeting aforesaid on the 17th Day of February AD 1794 The Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham appointed Amos Bond Esqr & Capt Daniel Jackson a Committee to procure, Planks sufficient to cover the Great Bridge over once, and to call on each of the said three Towns for their proportion of Money to pay for the same————————

Also They appointed Capt Daniel Jackson to repair the Great Bridge the Year ensuing————————————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 24th of February AD 1794 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the following persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Samuel Hager in full of his Acct for boarding Ephraim Warren & for cost on the Acct —	7	10	—
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full of his Acct for Cash paid Col. Fitch Hall for Boards to repair a House for John Stearns ———————————	1	6	10 ½
To Ditto for Cash paid Josiah Tilton for a Load of Wood delivered Sam[l] Warren ————		13	—
To Capt Phinehas Stearns for payment made to Jabez Biglow Attorney to Josiah Stearns on John Stearn's Acct ————————————	4	13	8

At the Meeting aforesaid the Selectmen agreed to have the Annual Town Meeting on the third Day of March next & Warrants were iſsued accordingly (Viz)—

Middelsex ſs: To Mr Joseph Nixon one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————————

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown (in your District) who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town

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On Monday the third Day of March next, at Nine of the clock in the Forenoon for the following purposes (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———————

2d To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Month of March and April annually———————

3d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his Service———————

4th To determine whether Swine shall run at large the ensuing Year———————

5th To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer———————

6th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same or act any thing thereon——

7th To grant Money to support the poor———————

8th To see if the Town will grant Money to build or repair any House for the poor, or act any thing thereon———————

9th To grant Money to support the Great Bridge———————

10th To grant Money to repair the Highways or act any thing thereon———————

11th To agree how the fishery shall be improv'd the ensuing Year, or act any thing thereon———————

12th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts———————

13th To hear the Accts of those Persons the Town is indebted to, and grant Money to pay the same———————

14th To know if the Town will give their directions to the Aſseſsors to call upon their late Surveyors of Highways to make return of their Lists or act any thing thereon———

15th To know if the Town will direct their Treasurer to call upon the late Collectors for a Settlement, or act any thing thereon———————

16th To hear the Reports of any Committee, and act any thing thereon———————

17th To know the mind of the Town whether they will repair the Ministerial Barn, & paint the fence in front of the Ministerial-house, or act any thing thereon———————

18th To know if the Town will appoint a Committee to settle any Arrears that may yet remain respecting Watertown Bridge Lottery tickets, or act any thing thereon———————

19th To know if the Town will appoint Agents, or a Committee to object or approve of any Roads that has been, or may be proposed to be laid out through the Town of Watertown, and to appear before any Committee, or at any Court for the above purposes, or act any thing thereon———————

20th To know if the Town will accept the List of Jurors presented by the Selectmen or act any thing thereon————

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21st To know if the Town will procure Fire-hooks & other necesary Implements for the Fire-engine————————

You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors (except such as have taken the poor for One Year) to bring in their Accts to the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld on Friday the Twenty eighth Day of February Instant at three of the clock P M. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the time appointed for said Meeting. Dated at Watertown this Twenty fourth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, Seven hundred and Ninety four——

Amos Livermore
Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Daniel Jackson
Christopher Grant
} Selectmen for Watertown

Also a like Warrant was issued to Mr Leonard Bond Constable to warn the East-district for said Meeting————

On the 26th Day of February AD 1794 The Revd Richard R. Eliot delivered the following Notification (Viz)

Watertown 26th Febry 1794————

This may certify that on the 23d Day of January last Charles Hide Son of Widow*——— Hide of Newton came to live with me & appears to be in low circumstances————————

Richard R. Eliot

To the Selectmen of the Town
of Watertown————————As you may see on file———

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the 28th Day of February AD 1794 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the following persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)————————

Editorial Note: first name not given in original script.

To Mr Amos Livermore in full of his Acct — — —	1,,	7,,	—
To Capt Moses Coolidge in full of his Acct for Supplies delivered the poor to the 28th of Febry Instant — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10,,	—,,	—
To Col. Christopher Grant in full of his Acct — —	16,,	19,,	6
To Capt Daniel Jackson in full of his Acct — — —	15,,	17,,	8
To Abigail Goddard in full of her Acct for boarding Rachel Goddard to the 5th of March next — — —	6,,	11,,	3
To Ditto in full of her Acct for House-rent for Bezl Learned to 13th of December last — — — — —	—,,	18,,	—
To Capt Daniel Jackson in full of his Acct for repairing the Great Bridge — — — — — — — — —	2,,	8,,	3
To Mr Amos Livermore in full of his Acct for Ditto	3,,	19,,	9
To Capt John Fowle in full of his Acct for Ditto —	2,,	2,,	6
To Mr Benjamin Hastings in full of his Acct for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	—,,	19,,	3
To Col. Christopher Grant in full of his Acct for Supplies delivered John Stearns — — — — — — —	—,,	12,,	6
To Nathl R. Whitney for Cash paid Benjamin Bird for Selectmen's expence in adjusting Accts for the Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	—,,	5,,	2
To William Popenberry in full of his Acct for boarding Mary Tainter to the 3d of March next —	2,,	14,,	—
To Mr Benjamin Hastings in full of his Acct — —	4,,	12,,	3

On the 3d Day of March AD 1794 Capt Moses Coolidge delivered the following Notification (Viz)

This may certify that on the 5th Day of October AD 1793 I took into my Family one Lydia Hedley who came from the Town of Andover & is supposed to be in low circumstances——

Watertown March 3d 1794 Moses Coolidge
To the Selectmen of Watertown———————

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, upon due Warning given, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third Day of March AD 1794 for the choice of Town-Officers & other Affairs as set forth in the Warrants for calling the Meeting they proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator of the Meeting——
Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk, & was sworn into said Office by Amos Bond Justice of the peace————
Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Town Treasurer————

Voted & chose for Selectmen
- Mr Amos Livermore & was excus'd
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Col. Christopher Grant
- Capt Daniel Jackson
- Capt Moses Coolidge
- Mr James Robbins

It was Voted to return the thanks of the Town to Mr Amos Livermore for his good Services————————

Voted & chose for Aſſeſsors
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Mr Jonathan Stone

It was Voted to postpone the choice of Constables————

Voted & chose for Fence viewers
- Mr William Bond
- Mr Ebenezer Chenery

Voted & chose for Sealers of Leather
- Mr Richard Sanger
- Mr Moses Warren————

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Voted & chose for Tythingmen
- Meſs^{rs} Phinehas Jenison
- Moses Warren————

Voted to choose five Surveyors of Highways————————

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways
- Meſs^{rs} Adam Brown
- Francis Bright
- John Williams
- Daniel Sawin Junr
- Jonathan Stone

Voted & chose for Howards
- Meſs^{rs} Thomas Clark
- Moses Warren
- Israel Cook

Voted & chose for Hogrieves
- Meſs^{rs} Moses Hager
- Leonard Bond
- Adam Brown
- Moses Warren

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market ⸗
- Mr James Robbins
- Capt John George

Voted & chose for Measurers of Wood ⸗
- Deacon Jedidiah Leathe
- Mr Samuel Hall
- Majr Ebenezer Kent
- Capt Henry Williams———

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves ⸗
- Meſsrs Samuel Holt
- Stephen Tuttle

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber ⸗
- Meſsrs David Sanger
- Joseph Nixon————

It was Voted to adjourn this Meeting to half an Hour past two of the clock this Afternoon at this place————

And it was accordingly declared adjourned ⸗

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In the Afternoon the Meeting for choosing One Grand Juror was opened Voted & chose Mr Phinehas Jenison & was excus'd
Voted & chose Mr Josiah Norcroſs Grand Juror & was excus'd—
Voted & chose Capt Nathl Bemis Grand Juror & was excus'd—
Voted & chose Mr Richard Clark Grand Juror & was excus'd—
Voted & chose Mr David Stone Grand Juror————————

Then the Meeting was open'd by adjournment from the forenoon proceeded as follows (Viz) ⸗
It was Voted to excuse Mr Thomas Clark from serving as a Howard—Voted & chose Mr Jedidiah White a Howard——
Voted to excuse Mr Moses Warren from serving as a Hogrieve—
Voted & chose Mr Enoch Hide a Hogrieve ⸗

Voted & chose for Firewards ⸗
- Mr James Robbins
- Mr Nathaniel Weld
- Capt John Fowle
- Majr Moses White
- Col. Fitch Hall
- Mr Leonard Bond
- Mr Edmund Fowle
- Mr John Williams
- Capt Nathl Bemis————

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to search into the Statute Laws concerning Firewards & if they are not sufficient to prepare some to lay before the Town————

Voted & chose for said Committee — Doctor Marshall Spring; Mr Samuel White; Capt Phinehas Stearns————

Voted & chose Mr Phinehas Jenison for Sexton, & Voted that his pay be left discretionary with the Selectmen——

Then the Votes for a County Treasurer were brought in, & Ebenezer Bridge Esqr had fifty nine Votes————

Voted that Swine shall not run at large the ensuing Year———

Voted & chose Josiah Leavitt Sealer of Leather————

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Voted that the Money granted by the Town for the support of Schools the ensuing Year, be paid to the several Districts in the same way & manner as it was the last Year————

Voted to grant £120 to support the Schools the ensuing Year—

Voted to grant £200 to support the poor the ensuing Year——

Voted that the Selectmen have power to put out the poor to one person, or to contract with several persons the ensuing Year——

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to repair the House that Spencer Godding now lives in, & put John Stearns in, or any other poor they please————

Voted to appoint a Committee to fix a plan & place, for a House for the poor, & the expence the same will amount to, & to make report at April Meeting————

Voted & chose for said Committee — Mr Samuel Wellington; Mr Francis Faulkner; Mr Samuel White; Mr Amos Livermore & was excus'd; Mr Joseph Nixon; Capt Nathl Bemis————

Voted to build said House on Land belonging to the Town at the Goddard place————

Voted to reconsider the last Vote————

Voted to grant £10 to repair the Great Bridge the ensuing Year

Voted to aſseſs the Highway rate the same as it was the last Year; and that four Shillings ℘ Day be allowed for a Man & the same for a good Team————

Voted to reconsider the last Vote————

Voted to grant Six Shillings ℔ Day for a Man, & the same for a good Team———————

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be directed to repair the Old ploughs, or get new ones, & produce their Acc^{ts} to the Town at April Meeting———————

Voted to choose a Committee to procure a Seine for the fishery—

Voted that the person or persons who shall improve the fishery, shall have Liberty to procure a Seine, & pay for the same out of the rent of the fishery———

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Voted that the fishery be left discretionary with the Selectmen—

Voted & chose for a Committee to examine the Town Treasurer's Acc^{ts}

- Capt Nathl Bemis & was excus'd
- Capt John Fowle & was excus'd
- Mr Francis Faulkner & was excus'd
- Mr Samuel White
- Col. Fitch Hall & was excus'd
- Mr Amos Livermore
- Amos Bond Esqr

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Mr Nathl Weld's House within half an Hour from this time———————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourned

The Meeting being opened at the House of Mr Nathl Weld on the Evening of the said 3^{d} of March by adjournment from the Meeting house proceeded as follows (Viz)

	£	s
Voted to grant Mr David Stone in full of his Acc^{t} for warning one Town Meeting ————	—,,	12,, —
Voted to grant Amos Bond Esqr for his Service as an Aſsesſor last Year —————————	2,,	8,, —
To Mr Jonathan Stone for Ditto ————	2,,	8,, —
To Nathl R. Whitney for Ditto ————	2,,	16,, —
Voted to grant Nathl R. Whitney for his Service as Treasurer last Year —————————	9,,	—,, —
Voted to grant the Selectmen for their Expences last Year —————————————	5,,	—,, —

Voted to grant Daniel Mason an additional Sum to make up with what has been granted to him in full for warning Town Meetings, so as to make up three Shillings for warning each Town Meeting amounting to ——————— £1,, 7,, —

Voted that the Aſſeſſors be directed to call upon the old Surveyors of Highways to return their Lists, & put the Arrears in separate Columns in the new Highway Lists——

Voted that the Aſſeſſors be directed to make the Highway Tax & give them to the Surveyors by the first Day of next April——

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Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be directed to make return of the old Highway Taxes to the Aſſeſſors, & if they are not work'd out by the first Day of June next; the Aſſeſſors are directed to put them into the next Town Tax————

After debate It was Voted to diſmiſs the article concerning Highways———

Voted that the Treaſurer be directed to call immediately upon all the Collectors of Taxes who have had their Tax-bills more than one Year, & if they are not ſettled within two Months, the Treaſurer is hereby directed to iſſue Executions against them————————

Voted that all Committees which have been appointed by the Town, be directed to make report at April Meeting————

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to examine the Miniſterial Barn, & ſee what repairs are neceſſary—

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Mr Edmund Fowle
- Mr Jonas White Junr
- Capt Luke Bemis

Voted to choose three persons to add to the Committee—

Voted & chose
- Mr Samuel Wellington
- Capt John George
- Col. Chriſtopher Grant

Voted to paint the new Miniſterial fence————

Voted that the new Miniſterial fence be painted white————

Voted to choose a Committee to conſiſt of five persons to get ſaid fence painted————————

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee to get ſaid fence painted————————

Voted that the Selectmen lay the Account for painting ſaid fence before the Town at April Meeting————

Voted to choose a Committee to ſearch into the ſtate of Watertown Bridge Lottery-tickets & make report at April Meeting—

Voted & chose for ſaid Committee—
- Mr Edmund Fowle
- Mr Amos Livermore & was excus'd
- Mr Samuel Wellington
- Mr Francis Faulkner

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Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to object, or approve of any Roads that has been, or may be proposed to be laid out through the Town of Watertown, and to appear before any Committee, or at any Court for the purposes aforesaid——

Voted & chose for said Committee — Amos Bond Esqr, Capt Daniel Jackson, Capt Nathl Bemis————

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to attend on any Committee, or Committees, to lay out any Roads through said Town————

Voted that the List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen be put over to April Meeting————————

Voted to excuse Capt Nathl Bemis from serving on the Committee respecting Roads————————

Voted & chose Mr Thomas Clark for one of said Committee

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to procure Fire-hooks & other neceſsary Implements for the Fire-Engine———

Voted & chose for said Committee — Capt John Fowle, Mr Nathl Weld, Capt Daniel Jackson———

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Public Meeting-house in said Town on the first Monday in April next at four of the clock in the Afternoon———

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourned

Then the following Town-Officers were sworn into the several Offices hereafter mentioned to which they were chosen on said Day by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk (Viz)

Mr William Bond a Fence viewer———

Mr Moses Warren Sealer of Leather———

Meſs^{rs} Moses Warren & Israel Cook Howards———

Deacon Jedidiah Leathe Measurer of Wood————

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Mr Leonard Bond a Hogrieve————

Mr Samuel Holt a Culler of Hoops & Staves————

Mr Joseph Nixon a Surveyor of Timber————————

Mr Enoch Hide a Hogrieve————————

Amos Bond Esqr an Aſseſsor————————

Then Mr Jonathan Stone & Nathl R. Whitney were sworn into the Office of Aſsſsors by Amos Bond Justice of the peace———

Nath[l] R. Whitney was sworn into the Office of Treasurer by Ditto⸗

The Selectmen agreed to lett the fishery at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld on Monday next, at seven of the clock in the Afternoon, & directed the Clerk to give public notice thereof, by posting Notifications in the several Public-Houses, which was accordingly done————————

The Hay-scales were put up at Public Auction for the term of One Year & struck of to Deacon Jedidiah Leathe for Fifty one Dollars⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the Tenth Day of March AD 1794 The Conditions for leasing the fishery were drawn, & were the same as last Year, with the following addition (Viz) The person or persons who shall improve the fishery shall have Liberty to procure a Seine out of the rent of the fishery (provided the cost of the same does not exceed fifteen Pounds— Then the fishery was put up at Public Auction for the term of One Year & struck of to M[r] Nath[l] Weld for Forty five Pounds⸗

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices hereafter mentioned to which they were chosen on the 3[d] Day of March Instant by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk (Viz) M[r] Ebenezer Chenery a Fence viewer—Meſs[rs] Richard Sanger & Josiah Leavitt Sealers of Leather—Meſs[rs] Adam Brown, Francis Bright & Jonathan Stone Surveyors of Highways—M[r] Moses Hager a Hogrieve—M[r] James Robbins Clerk of the market— M[r] Stephen Tuttle Culler of Hoops & Staves—M[r] Jedidiah White a Howard⸗

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 17th Day of March AD 1794 They iſsued Warrants to the Constables for a Town Meeting on the 7th Day of April next (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs. To M[r] Joseph Nixon one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————————

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town of Watertown (in your District of Twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a Freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the Annual Income of Three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of Sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of April next, at Two of the clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieu[t] Governor; and Senators and

Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the time appointed for said Meeting, Dated at Watertown this seventeenth Day of March, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety four————————

Amos Bond
James Robbins
Christopher Grant
Moses Coolidge
Daniel Jackson
} Selectmen for Watertown

Also a like Warrant was iſsued to Mr Leonard Bond Constable to warn the East-district for said Meeting—

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March 26th 1794 Mr John Williams was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk.

March 31st 1794 Mr Daniel Sawin Junr was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk——

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 7th Day of April AD 1794 to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators and Counsellors. The Selectmen presiding, the Votes for Governor were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared the Honb Samuel Adams had Twenty three Votes————

Elbridge Gerry Esqr had Thirty one Votes——
William Cushing Esqr had Twenty four Votes

Then the Votes for Lieut Governor were called for, brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that the

Honb Moses Gill Esqr had fifty five Votes———
Elbridge Gerry Esqr had six Votes———
Samuel Adams Esqr had five Votes———
Nathl Gorham Esqr had One Vote———

Then the Votes for Senators & Counsellors were called for, brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that the following Gentlemen had the number of Votes annex'd their Names.

(Viz) Ebenezer Bridge Esqr had Forty three Votes———
Joseph B. Varnum Esqr had Forty three Votes———
Eleazer Brooks Esqr had Forty three Votes———
Daniel Whitney Esqr had Forty three Votes———

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 7th Day of April AD 1794 by adjournment from March Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

It was Voted to excuse Mr Adam Brown from serving as a Hogrieve

Voted & chose Mr Jonathan Brown Junr a Hogrieve, & he was sworn into said Office by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk———

It was Voted to excuse Capt Henry Williams from serving as a measurer of Wood————————

Then Mr Samuel Hall was sworn into the Office of measurer of Wood by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk————————

Voted that the Collection of Taxes be farm'd out to the lowest bidder on the same Conditions as they were the last Year——

The East List of State, County & Town Taxes were put up, & struck of to Mr Nathl Stone for—/9 ½ ℔ Pound——

The West List of State, County & Town Taxes were put up, & struck of to Mr Edmund Fowle for 1/5 ℔ Pound———

Voted & chose Meſs^{rs} Edmund Fowle & Nathaniel Stone Collectors of Taxes————————

Then Capt John George was sworn into the Office of Clerk of the Market by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk————————

Voted & chose Meſs^{rs} Samuel Holt & Nathl Stone Constables—

It was Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the state of Watertown Bridge Lottery-tickets; And Voted to Grant the Sum of £10,, 17,, 10 to defray said expence————————

As you may see on file⸗

Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to call upon those that have received Watertown Bridge Lottery-tickets⸗

Voted & chose for said Committee { Mr Edmund Fowle; Amos Bond Esqr; Capt Daniel Jackson }

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Voted that the Treasurer be directed to pay into the Hands of William Hunt Esqr the Sum of £10,, 17,, 10 provided he will indemnify the Town against any expence that may arise in consequence of any Tickets ifsued by the Managers of Watertown Bridge Lottery-tickets————————————

Voted not to accept the report of the Committee concerning the building a House for the poor————————

Voted to postpone the further consideration of building a House for the poor to May Meeting————————————

Voted to reconsider the Vote paſsed at March Meeting concerning the repairing the House that Spencer Goding now lives in, for to put John Stearns in & that a place for said Stearns be left discretionary with the Selectmen————

The Committee to examine the Ministerial Barn, to see what repairs are neceſsary, verbally reported that they think it will do, the present Year————————

It was Voted to accept the report of said Committee————————

Voted to accept the List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen————————————As you may see on file⸗

Voted to grant Henry Farrington with what has been granted him a sufficient Sum, so as to make him equal to what was granted Daniel Mason for warning Town Meetings

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to defend any Suit that may be brought against the Town by Daniel Mason

Voted that the Committee appointed to procure Firehooks &c. be directed not to purchase any more of those Articles, than what they have already agreed for————————————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in May next, at three of the clock in the Afternoon, at this place————————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on the Evening of the 7th of April AD 1794—The following persons were put out to board for the Year ensuing————————(Viz)⸗

	s	d	
Deliverance Whitney to Abigail Goddard for	5	10	℔ Week⸗
Benjamin Whitney to Mr Nathl Stone for —	3	10	℔ Week⸗
Ruth Maddox to Ditto for — — — — — — —	4	11	℔ Week⸗
Rachel Goddard to Abigail Goddard for —	6	—	℔ Week⸗
Samuel Jenison & Wife to Capt Danl Jackson for both — — — — — — — — — — — —	7	1	℔ Week⸗
Anna Rainger to Mr Elijah Bond for — —	5	—	℔ Week⸗

Nath[l] R. Whitney delivered the two following Notification, (Viz)—This is to inform you that on the 13th Day of last March I took into my Family a Boy by the Name of John Vinall Son of M[r] William Vinall of Vinall's Haven—whose circumstances are unknown to me————————

Nath[l] R. Whitney

To the Selectmen of Watertown————
Watertown April 7th 1794

This is to Inform you that on the 27th Day of last March I took into my Family a Man by the Name of Hugh Smith, who came last from the Town of Lunenburg, & is a Native of Shirly whose circumstances are unknown to me————————

Nath[l] R. Whitney

To the Selectmen of Watertown————
Watertown April 7th 1794

As you may see on file

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 21st of April AD 1794 They sold four Windsor Chairs & three dining Ditto to Col. Christopher Grant at public Vendue at 6/ each———

Said Chairs John Bullard delivered to M[r] Edmund Fowle Collector to pay his Taxes

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At the Meeting aforesaid the Selectmen agreed to have a Town Meeting on Monday the 5th Day of May next And iſsued Warrants to the Constables to warn said Meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Joseph Nixon one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————————

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of said Town (in your District) being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of One Year next preceding, having a Freehold Estate within said Town, of the Annual Income of Three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of Sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth Day of May next at Two of the clock P M. for the purpose of choosing One Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next—

Hereof fail not &c⁀

Also You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to meet on the said fifth Day of May next at said place, at Three of the clock P M. for the following purposes (Viz)⁀

1st To choose a Moderator for the Meeting————————

2d To know if the Town will sell their right in the Goddard place, in the Tainter place, & at the Godding place (so called) or act any thing thereon—Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the times appointed for said Meeting————————

Dated at Watertown this Twenty first Day of April, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, Seven hundred & Ninety four————————

Amos Bond
Chrisr Grant
Daniel Jackson
Moses Coolidge
James Robbins
} Selectmen for Watertown⁀

Also a like Warrant was iſsued to Mr Leonard Bond Constable to warn the East-district for said Meeting————————

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At the aforementioned Meeting Nathl R. Whitney delivered the following Notification (Viz)⁀

This is to inform you that on the 20th of April Instant I took into my Family a Girl by the Name of Jane Hill, who came last from Capt Daniel Jackson's in Watertown & was born in Newton & appears to be in low circumstances

Nathl R. Whitney

To the Selectmen of Watertown————————

Watertown April 21st 1794

As you may see on file⁀

The following Agreement was made between Meſsrs Samuel Fowle & Benjamin Gardner (Viz)⁀

Whereas disputes have arisen between us the Subscribers with regard to the Division of the fence between us, and to end all further disputes and controversies We agree that the Bounds hereafter mentioned to be the Division (Viz)

That Mr Samuel Fowle shall have the fence on that part next to the County Road running Northerly half the distance of Mr

Benjamin Gardner's Land, that part so far as the Barn to be fenced with a good Board-fence agreeable to Law, and to be done at equal expence between Mr Fowle & Mr Gardner; & after compleated to be kept in repair by, and at the expence of Mr Fowle so long as the said Fowle is the lawfull Owner of the Land, it is further agreed by the parties that Mr Gardner at his own Cost and Charge, build the Wall below the Barn so far as Mr Fowle's half shall extend—In Witnefs whereof We have hereunto set our Hands this Eighteenth Day of April 1792—

Test,
Daniel Bond
Henry Farrington———

Benjamin Gardner
Samuel Fowle

As you may see on file—

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives upon due Warning given regularly afsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth Day of May AD 1794 for the purpose of choosing One Representative to represent them in the General Court to be convened at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant———————

Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr Representative—

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs upon due warning given regularly afsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the fifth Day of May AD 1794 for the purpose of transacting the Businefs as set forth in the Warrants for calling said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator for said Meeting

2d Voted to dismifs the Article concerning the sale of the Town's Right in the Goddard place, in the Tainter place, & in the Goding place (so called)———————

Then the other Meeting was opened at the Public Meeting-house in Watertown on the said fifth Day of May AD 1794 By Adjournment from April Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee concerning the building a House for the poor & to build said House at said place, as specified in the Report of said Committee

As you may see on file—

Voted to choose a Committee of five persons to build said House————

Voted & chose for said Committee—
- Mr Samuel Wellington
- Col. Christopher Grant
- Doctor Marshall Spring
- Mr Amos Livermore
- Capt Daniel Jackson————

Voted to grant Three Hundred Pounds to build said House—

Voted that said Committee be directed to procure Materials for said House & build said House as soon as conveniently may be————

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It was Voted to excuse Mr Samuel Holt from serving as Constable—

Voted & chose Mr Edmund Fowle Constable & was excus'd—

Voted & chose Mr Edward Sparhawk Constable & was excus'd—

Voted & chose Mr Joseph Nixon Constable & was excus'd—

Voted & chose Mr Adam Brown Constable & was excus'd—

Voted & chose Mr Samuel Babcock Constable & was excus'd—

Voted & chose Mr Francis Bright Constable & was excus'd—

Voted & chose Mr Francis Faulkner Constable & was excus'd—

Voted & chose Mr Samuel Fowle Constable & was excus'd—

Voted & chose Mr Peter Clark Constable & was excus'd—

Voted & chose Mr Benjamin Tainter Constable—

Mefsrs Benjamin Tainter & Nathl Stone were sworn into the Office of Constables by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk

Voted to grant the Sum of £2,, 15,, 2 to defray the expence of Watertown Bridge Lottery-tickets, it being an Error in the Acct of said Tixkets as exhibited by the Committee appointed to search into the state of said Lottery————

As you may see on file—

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Town Treasurer's Accts was read & it appears that Nathl R. Whitney

Town Treasr has charg'd himself with — — —	1702,, 10,, 4
And is credited by — — — — — — — — — — —	1672,, 15,, 7
Cash in the Treasury is	£ 29,, 14,, 9

The above is a just and true statement of the Treasurers Accounts to the 8th Day of April AD 1794—as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same————

Amos Livermore
Amos Bond } Committee

It was Voted to accept the Report of the Committee that examined the Town Treasurer's Accounts————————

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Voted to grant Mr Joseph Nixon in full of his Acct for warning four Town Meetings — — — — — — —	1	4	—
Voted to grant Mr Leonard Bond in full of his Acct for warning four Town Meetings — — — — — — —	1	4	—
Voted to grant Col. Moses Coolidge in full of his Acct for making & mending plow-irons — — — — —	2	2	—
Voted to grant Mr William Chenery in full of his Acct for mending a plow — — — — — — — — — —	—	7	6

Voted to reconsider the former Vote concerning the dismiſsing the Article of selling the Town's Right in the Goddard-place, & in the Tainter place————————

Voted to choose a Committee to consist of three persons for said purpose————————————

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Mr Edmund Fowle
- Mr Samuel Wellington
- Doctor Marshall Spring & was excus'd
- Amos Bond Esqr————————

Voted that the Committee be directed to sell the Town's Right in the Goddard-place & in the Tainter place (so called) at Public Vendue, with the Incumbrance of reserving for the use of the Town the improvement of the Buildings for One Year⸗

Then a Meeting was opened for the purpose of appointing One Grand Juror & Two Petit Jurors.

Voted & chose Mr Francis Faulkner Grand Juror————————

Meſsrs William Stone & Leonard Bond were appointed Petit Jurors————————

The Selectmen approbated Mr Jonathan Bird to receive Licence as a Retailer————————

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The Committee appointed by the Town for the Sale of the Town's Right in the Goddard place & the Tainter place having given Public notice of the Sale met at the House of Mr Samuel

Wellington Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 26th of May AD 1794 The following Conditions of Sale were drawn (Viz)—

The Town of Watertown's Right in the Goddard place & in the Tainter to be sold at Public Auction————

The highest bidder to be the purchaser————————

£10 ℔ Cent. to be paid down as earnest Money, the One half of the remainder to be paid within three Months from the Date hereof; and the remainder to be paid within six Months from the Date hereof————————

The Town's Right in the Tainter place was put up at Public Vendue with the Incumbrance of the Town's improving the House for the term of One Year from the above Date & the Town shall have the priviledge of improving said Land untill the first Day of March next—And was struck of to Moses Hager for One hundred Pounds————————

Then the Town's Right in the Goddard place was put up at Public Vendue with the Incumbrance of the Town's improving their Right in the House for the term of One Year, the purchaser is to have a Warrantee Deed of the Land, & a quit claim of the Town's Right in the House—And was struck of to Mr Samuel Wellington for Eighty one pounds————

Mr Moses Hager gave his Note of hand for Ten Pounds on demand

Mr Samuel Wellington gave his Note of hand for Eight Pounds, Two Shillings on demand————

The Treasurer paid Mr Samuel Wellington ten Shillings for the Committee's expence in the Sale—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 2d Day of June AD 1794 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Nath[l] Stone in full of his Acct for boarding & clothing Benja Whitney & Ruth Maddox to 5th of April last — — — — — — — — — — — —	19,,	12,,	1
To Daniel Bernard in full of his Acct for boarding the Widow Deliverance Whitney to the 5th of April last — — — — — — — — — —	15,,	13,,	8
To Aaron Davis in full of his Acct for a pair of Shoes delivered the Widow Deliverance Whitney — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	—,,	6,,	—

To Elijah Bond in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding & clothing Anna Rainger to the 5th of April last	13,, 15,, —
To Edmund Fowle Collector in full of his Acc^{t} for seven Chairs he received of John Bullard for Taxes	2,, 17,, —
To Capt Daniel Jackson in full of his Acc^{t} for Supplies delivered the poor to the 2^{d} of June Instant	7,, 13,, 5½
To Nathl R. Whitney for Cash paid to Daniel Mason in full for warning Town Meetings —	1,, 7,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Johnson for a Load of Wood delivered Samuel Warren	—,, 10,, 6
To Abigail Goddard in full of her Acc^{t} for boarding Rachel Goddard to the 5th of June Instant	4,, 0,, 3
To Abigail Goddard in full of her Acc^{t} for House-rent for Bez^{l} Learned to the 13th of June Instant	—,, 18,, —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at the House of Mr Benj^{a} Bird Innholder in Waltham on Monday the 16th Day of June AD 1794 They settled the Charge which had arisen for the support of Abigail Ball since the 20th Day of June AD 1793 to the 20th Day of June Instant which amounted to the Sum of — — — — — — — — — — — — £12,, 17,, 10

Watertown's part amounted to — — —	6,, 14,, 1
Waltham's Ditto — — — — — — — —	6,, 3,, 9
	£12,, 17,, 10

Watertown's part was paid to Deacon John Sanderson Treas^{r} for Waltham by Nathl R. Whitney Treas^{r} for Watertown————

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At the Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham aforementioned on the 16th of June AD 1794 The Selectmen of Waltham agreed to take Abigail Ball to board the Year ensuing for 5/4 $\frac{s}{d}$ ℔ Week Extraordinarys excepted————

The Treasurer paid Benjamin Bird 6/ $\frac{}{s}$ for the Selectmen's Expence at said Meeting————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Saml Wellington Innholder in Watertown on the 26th Day of June AD 1794 having given Public notice of the sale of the Goding-house (so called) put up said House at Public Vendue on the following Conditions (Viz) The highest bidder to be the purchaser. £10 ℔ Cent. to be paid down as earnest Money—Said House to be removed of the Land it now stands on, so as not to obstruct the digging the Cellar for the Alms-house, & the Money to be paid down on removing said House & was struck of to Col. Moses Coolidge for fourteen Dollars———————————

On the 31st Day of July AD 1794 The Revd Richard R. Eliot delivered the following Notification (Viz)

Watertown 31st July 1794

This may certify that on the 1st Day of last May Sally Leavenworth came to my House having arrived the same Day at Boston from Savannah in the State of Georgia where her Parents then lived & appears to be in low Circumstances———

Richard R. Eliot

To the Selectmen of the Town of Watertown———————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 4th Day of August AD 1794 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the following persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To William Bond with what you have paid him to procure Materials for the Alms-house as by agreement of the Town's Committee, to build said House, which Sum will be in full for finding Materials & for building said House — — — —	£350	—	—
To Phinehas Jenison in full for his Service as Sexton last Year — — — — — — — — — — — —	4	10	—
To William Popenberry in full of his Acct for boarding Mary Tainter to the 8th of August Instant — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3	6	—
To Edmund Fowle Collector in full for his Premium for collecting State, County & Town Taxes in 1793 — — — — — — — — — — — —	19	5	7
To Nathaniel Stone in full for Ditto — — — —	8	3	8

To William Hunt Esq[r] provided he will indemnify Watertown Managers of the Bridge Lottery tickets against any expence that may arise in consequence of any Tickets iſsued by said Managers — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	13,, 13,, —
	£398,, 18,, 3

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l]* Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 1st Day of Sept[r] AD 1794 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)————————

To Elijah Withington in full of his Acc[t] for repairing the School-house in the West district —	4,, 13,, —
To Abraham Whitney in full for boarding his Daughter's Child the Year past — — — — — —	4,, —,, —
To Cap[t] Joseph Bright in full of his Acc[t] for boarding Mary Learned in the Year 1786 — —	5,, 17,, —
To M[r] Edmund Fowle Collector for Cash paid for Tax-bills for the Year's 1793 & 1794 — — —	—,, 15,, —
To Abigail Goddard in full of her Acc[t] for boarding Rachel Goddard to the 12th of Sept[r] Instant 14 Weeks at 6/ — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 4,, —
	£19,, 9,, —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the 1st Day of September AD 1794 aforementioned. They agreed to have a Town Meeting on Monday the 15th Day of September Instant; and iſsued Warrants to the Constables to warn said Meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Benjamin Tainter one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————————

S[r] You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town (in the West-district) qualified by Law to Vote in Town Meetings (Viz) such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifteenth Day of September Instant at three of the clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

**Editorial note—Probably Nath[l] Weld.*

1st To choose a Moderator for the Meeting————————
2d To know the mind of the Town whether they will give any encouragement to any Men that will inlist & engage as Watertown's proportion of Men required agreeable to, and in compliance with the requisition of his Excellency the Commander in Chief of the sixth Day of June last, and to act any thing thereon as they shall think proper————————
3d To know the mind of the Town whether they will appoint a Committee to assist Mr David Sanger in proving his Right & Title to a certain piece of Land which they sold to him situated near Col. Fitch Hall's Mansion House or act any thing thereon————————————
4th To appoint a Committee to carry into Effect the resolution of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pass'd June 8th 1794 for taking accurate Surveys & plans of the several Towns & Districts within said Commonwealth, and to act any thereon as they may think proper— Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the time appointed for said Meeting: Dated at Watertown this first Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, Seven hundred & Ninety four————————

Amos Bond, Christopher Grant, Dan[l] Jackson
Moses Coolidge & James Robbins Selectmen for Watertown—

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Also a like Warrant was issued to Mr Nath[l] Stone Constable to warn the East-district for said Meeting————
September the 3d 1794 Mr Nath[l] Stone was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 8th Day of September AD 1794—They approbated the following Persons to receive Licence for Innholders & Retailers (Viz)—

Innholders:
- Edward Richardson
- Lt Sam[l] Wellington
- Nathaniel Weld
- Jonathan Bird

Retailers:
- Capt John Fowle
- Capt Dan[l] Jackson
- Timothy Williams
- Capt John George
- Majr Moses White
- Jeremiah Fowle
- John Durant

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 15th Day of September AD 1794 for transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrants for calling said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator for the Meeting

2d Voted to grant each Man that shall inlist as this Town's quota of Men, as required by the Commander in Chief One Dollar as a Bounty upon inlistment, & if call'd to go into actual Service, each Man shall receive two Dollars more as a Bounty, & shall be made up with what Government gives, so much as to make up Eight Dollars ℔ Month while in actual Service———————

Voted to grant a ſufficient Sum of Money for to pay the same, And if the Treaſurer has not got Money to pay the Men, he is directed to borrow a ſufficient Sum to pay them & pay ſaid Sum into the Hands of Capt Joseph Bright that he may pay the Men upon inlistment—

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Voted that those Men that shall inlist as this Town's quota, in Majr Ebenezer Kent's Company of Artillery, ſo as to make up his proportion of Men that belongs to this Town, ſhall be intitled to the ſame Bounty, & pay, as those out of the Militia Company———————

Voted that the number of Men that belong to the Company of Horſe in this Town, who ſhall voluntarily inlist, ſo as to make up this Town's quota of Men, in proportion to the Men that belong to ſaid Company, ſhall be intitled to the ſame Bounty & pay as thoſe of the Militia Company———

3d Voted to choose a Committee of three Persons to aſsist Mr David Sanger in proving his title to a certain piece of Land ſold to him by a Committee appointed by the Town for to make ſale of the ſame———————

Voted & chose for ſaid Committee { Mr Amos Livermore & was excus'd; Mr Edmund Fowle; Amos Bond Esqr; Col. Christopher Grant———————

Voted to excuſe Col. Christopher Grant from ſerving on ſaid Committee———————

Voted & chose Capt Nathl Bemis for one of ſaid Committee

Voted to appoint two persons more to ſerve on ſaid Committee———————

Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr & Capt Daniel Jackson for to serve on said Committee———————

4th Voted that the Selectmen be directed to put into Execution the Order of the General Court for taking plans of the several Town's in the Commonwealth———————

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to pay the Surveyor & Chain men for performing said Service———————

September 15th 1794 Mr Edmund Fowle was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk—,

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown as qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Representatives upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 6th Day of October AD 1794 for the purpose of appointing Two good & lawful Men to serve as Grand Jurors & two other good & lawful Men to serve as Petit Jurors at the Circuit Court to be holden at Boston on the 13th of October Instant Lieu^{t} Benjamin Hastings & Mr Saml Babcock were drawn out of the Box as Grand Jurors & Nathl R. Whitney & Mr Thomas Clark were drawn out of the Box for Petit Jurors Also to appoint One good & lawful Man of like qualification to serve as a Grand Juror, & two other Men of like qualification to serve as Petit Jurors at the S. P. Judicial Court to be holden at Cambridge on the last Tuesday of October Instant Capt John Fowle was drawn out of the Box for a Grand Juror, & Mr Amos Livermore & Maj^{r} Moses White were drawn out of the Box for Petit Jurors to serve at said Court———————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 6th Day of October AD 1794 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz—,

To the Revd Richard R. Eliot the Sum of One hundred Pounds (quarterly as it shall become due out of the last Ministerial aſseſsment) which will be in full for his present Year's Salary beginning the 7th Day of last May———

To Mr Aaron Appleton in full of his Acc^{t} for keeping School in the West district to the 1st of Octr Ins^{t} ———————— 15,, 6,, 9

To Mr Nath[l] Stone in full of his Acct for expence in procuring Weights & Measures & for having them sealed by the Public Standard & for Cash paid for Tax-bills for the Years 1793 & 1794 ——————————————— 1,, 6,, 11

To Mr Thomas Clark in full of his Acct for attending on a Committee in behalf of said Town ——————————————— 1,, 4,, —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Wednesday the 8th Day of October AD 1794 They agreed to have a Town Meeting on Monday the 3d Day of November next & iſsued Warrants to the Constables to warn said Meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Benjamin Tainter one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said Town (in the West-district) being Twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of One Year next preceeding, having a freehold Estate within said Town, of the Annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of Sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third Day of November next, at Two of the clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for One Representative that is an Inhabitant in the second Middle-district, to represent the said District, in the Congreſs of the United States of America———— Hereof fail not &c—

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town (in the West-district) qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the said third Day of November next, at three of the clock in the Afternoon for the following purposes (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2d To know if the Town will accept & approve of any Town, or private ways that has, or may be laid out by the Selectmen prior to said Meeting, or act any thing thereon————

3d To know if the Town will grant any further consideration to this Town's quota of Men ordered to be detached by Congreſs————

4th To hear the report of any Committee, or act any thing thereon—

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5th To give in their Votes for a County Register————————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, or Town Clerk before the times appointed for said Meetings—Given under our Hands & Seal this Eighth Day of October AD 1794

Amos Bond
Christopher Grant
Daniel Jackson
Moses Coolidge
James Robbins
} Selectmen for Watertown

Also, They iſsued a like Warrant to Mr Nath[l] Stone Constable to warn the East-district for said Meeting

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 3d Day of November AD 1794 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for One Representative that is an Inhabitant in the second Middle-district, to represent the said District, in the Congreſs of the United States of America————————

It was Voted to adjourn this Meeting for half an Hour And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 3d Day of November AD 1794 for transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrants for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)

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1st Voted & chose Doctor Marshall Spring Moderator for said Meeting————————

2d The Selectmen made the following report (Viz)
Whereas Daniel Jackson and others Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown by their application to the Selectmen of said Town Dated Oct[r] 7th 1794 have among other things prayed that a private way be laid out from the

Great Country-road to the Paper-mill for the Accommodation of said Jackson, and whereas the said Daniel Jackson hath offer'd to be at all the Expense and Charge of said Road or Way as well for the Damages any Person may sustain, as the Expenses thereof. We the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Watertown Judging that it will be of public convenience to lay out said Way, do hereby lay out said private Way & Road as follows, to wit, Seventeen feet wide, six feet on Mr John Vinall's Land in front on the Great-road, and the remainder to be taken from Land of John Remington Esqr on said Road, and to run back to the Town-road, measuring seventeen feet⸗
We the said Selectmen do apprize the Damages which said John Vinall Esqr will sustain at fifteen Pounds & no more, and as the remainder of the Land is generously given in no mention of Damages necefsary——

Watertown Novr 3^d^ 1794⸗ Amos Bond
Christopher Grant
Moses Coolidge
James Robbins———

As you may see on file⸗

John Vinall Esqr appeared in Town Meeting & wish'd the Town to give him Liberty to speak concerning the matter⸗ It was Voted to give John Vinall Esqr Liberty to speak concerning the same————It was Voted to adjourn this Meeting, 'till the businefs of the first Meeting is over, that is, of giving in their Votes for One Representative to represent the second Middle-district in the Congrefs of the United States of America⸗

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The Selectmen presiding at said Meeting, the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following Gentlemen had the number of Votes annex'd their Names (Viz)

Samuel Dexter Junr Esqr had — 34 Votes
Joseph B. Varnum Esqr had — — 24 Votes
Elbridge Gerry Esqr had — — — 6 Votes

Then the Votes for a County Register were brought in & it appeared that Mr Ebenezer Stedman had 48 Votes
Doctor Abiel Heywood had — — — — 6 Votes

Then the other Meeting was open'd by adjournment on said 3^d^ Day of November AD 1794 ('till the Votes were given in for a Representative) proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

It was Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, concerning the Town, or private road laid out by said Selectmen from the Great Country-road acroſs to the road by the Paper-mill———————

It was Voted to indemnify the Selectmen in agreeing to give this Town's quota of Men required by Congreſs to be raised three Dollars each, as a Bounty, & to make up to each Man ten Dollars ℔ Month, if call'd upon to march, & go into actual Service———————————

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, upon due Warning given aſsembled at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 3d of November AD 1794—for the purpose of appointing three Petit Jurors to serve at the Court of Common pleas & General Seſsions of the peace to be holden at Cambridge on the last Tuesday of November Instant—Meſsrs Jonathan Bird, Richard Sanger & Peter Clark were drawn out of the Box⸗

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On the 3d Day of November AD 1794 Mr James Barnard delivered the following Notification (Viz)⸗

This is to certify that on the tenth Day of October last I took into my Family a Young-woman by the Name of Sukey Ingraham who came from Boston on said tenth Day of October, who is in low circumstances———————

James Barnard

To the Selectmen of Watertown⸗
Watertown Novr 3d 1794—As you may see on file———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 1st Day of December AD 1794 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Lieut Moses Stone one of the Committee for the East-school said Districts proportion of Money for the Year 1794 — —	40	—	—
To Col. Moses Coolidge in full of his Acct for Supplies delivered the poor to the 1st of December Instant — — — — — — —	33	13	4
To Ditto in full of his other Acct — — —	5	7	6

To Ebenezer Bridge Esqr County Treasurer a Tax agreeable to a Warrant Dated 17th of Septr last	14,,	1,,	0¾
To Tilly Buttrick in full of his Acc^{t} for carrying the Chain 1 Day to survey the Town	—,,	6,,	—
To Mrs Eunice Hunt in full of her Acc^{t} for boarding Mr Aaron Appleton a School master in the West-district from 22^{d} of May to the 1st of October Instant in part of said District's proportion of Money for the Year 1794	11,,	2,,	—
To Capt Daniel Jackson in full of his Acc^{t} to the 28th of last November	8,,	5,,	7½
To Col. Christopher Grant in full of his Acc^{t}	3,,	6,,	—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 22^{d} Day of December AD 1794—They agreed to have a Town Meeting on Monday the 5th Day of January next and iſsued Warrants to the Constables to warn said Meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Benjamin Tainter one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said Town (in the West-district) being Twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of One Year next preceeding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the Annual Income of Three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of Sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth Day of January next at Two of the clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Register—Hereof fail not &c—

Also You are alike required to notify & warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town (in the West-district) qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the said fifth Day of January next, at Three of the clock in the Afternoon for the following purposes (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————————

2d To know if the Town will accept of any Pew, or Pews that has reverted, or may revert to the Town, or act any thing thereon Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, or Town Clerk before the times appointed for said Meetings. Given under our Hands & Seals this Twenty second Day of December, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand, Seven hundred & Ninety four

Christopher Grant
Daniel Jackson
Moses Coolidge
James Robbins—

Selectmen for Watertown

Also, They ifsued a like Warrant to Mr Nathl Stone Constable to warn the East-district, for said Meeting

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At the Meeting of the Selectmen on the 22d Day of December AD 1794. aforementioned. The Selectmen Also agreed to have a Town Meeting, on the 12th Day of January next, and ifsued warrants to the Constables for said Meeting. (Viz)

Middlesex fs: To Mr Benjamin Tainter one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said Town (in the West-district) being Twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of One Year next preceeding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the Annual Income of Three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of Sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the Twelfth Day of January next, at Two of the clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for One Representative that is an Inhabitant in the second Middle-district, to represent the said District in the Congreſs of the United States of America Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the time appointed for said Meeting—Given under our Hands & Seals this Twenty second Day of December, In the Year of Our Lord One thousand, Seven hundred & Ninety-four

Daniel Jackson
Moses Coolidge
James Robbins
Christopher Grant

Selectmen for Watertown

Also, They iſsued a like Warrant to Mr Nath[l] Stone Conſtable, to warn the East-district for said Meeting————

Col. Christopher Grant delivered the following Notification (Viz)—

This may certify that on the 17th of last October Eunice Flagg became of age who has dwelt with me, about eight Years, & tarried with me One Week after, and then went to dwell with Mr Sam[l] Wellington in Watertown, said Eunice is a Native of Waltham & appears to be in low circumstances —Christopher Grant—Watertown Decr 22d 1794

To the Seleƈtmen of Watertown—As you may see on file—

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 5th Day of January AD 1795 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Register proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose the Seleƈtmen to receive, sort & count the Votes for a County Register————————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld, at five of the clock this Afternoon————————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 5th Day of January AD 1795 for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrants for calling said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator for said Meeting

2d After Debate concerning the Pew that was drawn by Capt Edward Harrington Deceas'd—It was Voted to postpone the conſideration of said Pew; and that a Committee of five persons be chosen, to search the Records, & to take into conſideration the ſituation of said Pew, & of any others that do revert to the Town, & to make report at the adjournment of this Meeting————

Voted & chose for said Committee — William Hunt Esqr, Amos Bond Esqr, Col. Christopher Grant, Mr Amos Livermore, Deacon Daniel Whitney

It was Voted to adjourn this Meeting to next Monday at three of the clock in the Afternoon at this place———

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth regularly aſsembled at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 5th Day of January AD 1795 By adjournment from the Public Meeting-house on said Day proceeded as follows (Viz)——The Votes for a County Register were called for, brought in, sorted, & counted & it appeared that Mr Ebenezer Stedman had Thirty six Votes——Mr Jackson Durant had Seven Votes———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 5th Day of January AD 1795 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To David Stone in full of his Acc^{t} for warning one Town meeting — — — — — — — — — —	—,,	12,,	—
To Amos Bond Esqr for Service as an Aſseſsor last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,,	8,,	—
To Jonathan Stone for Ditto — — — — — — —	2,,	8,,	—
To Nathl R. Whitney for Ditto — — — — — —	2,,	16,,	—
To Ditto for his Service as Treasurer last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9,,	—,,	—
To Joseph Nixon in full of his Acc^{t} for warning Town meetings — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,,	4,,	—
To Leonard Bond for Ditto — — — — — — —	1,,	4,,	—
To William Chenery in full of his Acc^{t} — — —	—,,	7,,	6
To the Selectmen for their Expences last Year	5,,	—,,	—

To William Popenberry in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding Mary Tainter for Augt 8th 1794 to Jan^{ry} 2^{d} 1795 — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,,	3,, —
To Henry Farrington in full of his Acc^{t} for warning Town Meetings 3/ each — — — —		
To Nathl Weld for One Seine for the fishery —	13,,	10,, —
To Ditto for Expences in raising Men — — —	1,,	7,, —
To Edward Richardson in full of his Acc^{t} for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 12th Day of January AD 1795 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for One Representative that is an Inhabitant in the second Middle-district to represent the said District in the Congreſs of the United States of America—The Selectmen presiding the Votes were called for, brought in, sorted, & counted & it appeared that

Samuel Dexter Junr Esqr had Thirty Votes
Joseph B. Varnum Esqr had Twenty seven Votes

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 12th Day of January AD 1795. By adjournment from the 5th Day of January Instant; proceeded as follows (Viz)—

The Committee appointed by the Town to take into consideration, the situation of the Pews in Watertown Meeting house, whether there were any that reverted to the Town, made a report, which was read: And it was voted to accept of the first clause in the report—(Viz)—The Committee appointed to examine into the state of the Pews in Watertown Meeting-house, and whether there were any that reverted to the Town agreeable to the Conditions upon which they were originally drawn, having met do find that the time limited to make report was too short. As in many Instances it required particular Investigation at the Probate-office, & elsewhere, they therefore are of Opinion that a

further time be allowed for the purpose———As you may see on file————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the said 12th Day of January AD 1795. They appointed the following persons Engine-men for the Year ensuing (Viz)⸗

Messrs	Samuel Holt	Elisha Dana
	Israel Cook	Francis Spur
	Stephen Tuttle	Jonathan Cook Junr
	Blake Sparhawk	Jedidiah White
	Samuel Robbins	
	John Hunt	
	Lemuel Whitney	

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 2d Day of February AD 1795. They agreed to have a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham at the House of Mr Benjamin Bird Innholder in Waltham on Monday the 9th Day of February Instant, at Two of the clock P M. to settle & adjust the charge that has arisen for the repairs of the Great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown, since the last Adjustment, & directed the Clerk to give them notice of said Meeting, which was accordingly done⸗

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town's of Watertown, Weston & Waltham at the House of Mr Benjamin Bird Innholder in Waltham on Monday the 9th Day of February AD 1795—They settled & adjusted the Accompts of the charge that has arisen for the repairs of the Great Bridge over Charles River in Watertown (since the last Adjustment which was on the 17th Day of February AD 1794) which

charge amounted to — — — — — — — — —	£27,, 8,, 0
Watertown's part is — — — — — — —	9,, 14,, 8½
Weston's Ditto — — — — — — — —	8,, 13,, 8¾
Waltham's Ditto — — — — — — — —	8,, 19,, 6¾
	£27,, 8,, 0

Deacon John Sanderson Treasurer for Waltham paid Nath[l] R. Whitney Treasurer for Watertown £2,, 4,, 6¾ which with the Sum of £6,, 15—said Sanderson advanc'd to Amos Bond Esq[r] to procure Plank, to cover said Bridge is in full for Waltham's part of said charge———

The Selectmen of said three Town's, appointed Cap[t] Daniel Jackson to repair the Great Bridge the Year ensuing———

Nath[l] R. Whitney Treas[r] for Watertown paid 14/ for Selectmen's Expence at said Meeting———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on the Evening of the 9th Day of February AD 1795——They agreed to have the Annual Town Meeting on the second Day of March next, & issued Warrants to the Constables to warn said Meeting—(Viz)⸗

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Middlesex ss: To M[r] Benjamin Tainter one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting———

S[r] You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown (in the West-district) who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to meet, and assemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the second Day of March next, at Nine of the clock in the Forenoon for the following purposes (Viz)⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2[d] To choose all Town-Officers required to be chosen in the Month of March, and April annually———
3[d] To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his Service———
4th To determine whether Swine shall run at large the ensuing Year———
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, or act any thing thereon——
6th To know if the Town will build, or purchase any School-houses, or make any alteration in the Districts, or act any thing thereon——
7th To grant Money to support the poor———
8th To grant Money to support the Great Bridge———
9th To grant Money to repair the Highways, or act any thing thereon———
10th To agree how the fishery shall be improv'd the ensuing Year, and act any thing thereon———

11th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts————

12th To hear the Accounts of those Persons the Town is indebted to, or act any thing thereon————————

13th To hear the Reports of any Committees, or act any thing thereon———

14th To know the mind of the Town whether they will repair the Ministerial Barn, or act any thing thereon————————

15th To know if the Town will direct their Constables to warn the Town Meetings in future by posting a Copy of a Warrant at the Public Meeting house, in said Town, or act any thing thereon————

16th To know if the Town will sell a piece of Common Land near the House of Leonard & Jonas Bond, or act any thing thereon————————

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17th To know if the Town will repair the Meeting house, & procure a New Cushion for the Desk, or act any thing thereon————————

18th To know if the Town will grant any Money for the encouragement of singing, or act any thing thereon————————

Also You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants in said Town (in the West-district) qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Representatives, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the second Day of March next, at Two of the clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register————————

You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors (except such as have taken the poor for One Year) to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen, at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld, on Friday the Twenty seventh Day of February Instant, at Three of the clock P M.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon to the Selectmen, or Town Clerk, before the times appointed for said Meetings——Dated at Watertown this Ninth Day of February In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand Seven hundred & Ninety five————————

Amos Bond
Christopher Grant
Daniel Jackson
Moses Coolidge
} Selectmen for Watertown

Also, They ifsued a like Warrant to Mr Nath[l] Stone Constable, to warn the East district for said Meeting———

February 27th AD 1795 Col. Moses Coolidge delivered the following Notification (Viz)———This may certify that on the 22d Day of February Instant, I took into my Family, a Young Woman by the Name of Lydia Pond who came from Roxbury on the said 22d Day of February & is a Native of Brookline & appears to be in low Circumstances———

Moses Coolidge

To the Selectmen of Watertown———Watertown Febry 27th 1795———As you may see on file———

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the 27th Day of February AD 1795——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full of his Acct for keeping School & supplying the School with Wood the Year Past	40	—	—
To Ditto for Cash paid Deacon John Sanderson Treasurer for Waltham in full for Watertown's part of the charge of Abigail Ball the 16th of last June	6	14	1
To Ditto for Cash paid Benja Bird for Selectmen's expence	—	6	—
To Ditto for Cash paid Ebenr Fuller for a Load of Wood delivered Saml Warren on the 11th of last October	—	11	—
To Ditto in full of his Acct for carrying the Chain One Day to survey the Lines of the Town	—	6	—
To Ditto for Cash paid Mr Weld for Selectmen's expence attending on a Committee to lay out a Road	—	6	—
To Mr Samuel Wellington for 4 feet of Wood delivered at the Distill-house for Saml Warren	—	10	6
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for carting said Wood to S. Warren	—	2	—

To Abigail Goddard in full of her Acc^{t} for boarding Rachel Goddard from the 12th of September last, to the 6th of March next 25 Weeks at 6^{s}/—& for mending her clothes (including what you have already paid her — —)	7,,	12,,	6
To Ditto in full of her Acc^{t} for House rent for Bez^{l} Learned to the 13th of last December —	—,,	18,,	—
To Amos Bond Esqr in full of his Acc^{t} for procuring Materials to repair the Great Bridge (including what has been advanc'd to procure plank) — — — — — — — — — — —	19,,	17,,	—
To Capt Daniel Jackson in full of his Acc^{t} for the repairs of the Great Bridge the Year past — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,,	2,,	9
To Ditto for Elijah Tolman's Acc^{t} for Ditto —	,,16,,		3
To Ditto for Ezekiel Whitney Jun$^{r's}$ Acc^{t} for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	—,,	12,,	—
To Eunice Coolidge in full of her Acc^{t} — — —	7,,	13,,	—

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To Nathl R. Whitney to pay Twenty two Men in Capt Joseph Bright's Company their Bounty (including what you have paid 18^{s}/ each————————

To Capt Eben^{r} Kent for Seven's Men's Bounty in his Company 18^{s}/ each — — — — —	6,,	6,,	—
To Nathl R. Whitney for Cash paid for Selectmen's expence in settling the charge of the Great Bridge — — — — — — — — — —	—,,	14,,	—
To Mr Amos Livermore in full of his Acc^{t} —	1,,	1,,	6
To Capt Daniel Jackson in full of his Acc^{t} —	19,,	3,,	2
To Col. Christopher Grant in full of his Acc^{t}—	5,,	14,,	7
To Col. Moses Coolidge in full of his Acc^{t} —	28,,	4,,	8
To Deacon Jedidiah Leathe in full of his Acc^{t}	12,,	12,,	11
To Phinehas Jenison Junr in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding Tabitha Learned to the 10th of next March — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,,	9,,	—

To Susanna Bacon in full of her Acc[t] for nursing Tabitha Learned from the 10th to the 20th of December	—„	7„	—
To Daniel Sanger in full of his Acc[t] for repairing the West School-house	—„	7„	6
To Phinehas Jenison in full of two Acc[ts] for Service for Sam[l] Copp & Widow Tainter's Funeral	1„	1„	—
To Lieu[t] Benjamin Hastings in full of his Acc[t] for a Coffin for Sam[l] Copp	—„	16„	—
To Daniel Bernard in full of his Acc[t] for boarding Sam[l] Copp's Family	17„	5„	9
To Cap[t] Joseph Bright in full for his premium for collecting Taxes in the Year	24„	12„	—
To Ditto for Elisha Learneds Tax in said Brights List	1„	2„	9
To Ditto for Doctor Benjamin Parker's Ditto	—„	9„	8
To Ditto for Daniel Parker's Ditto	—„	14„	10
To Doctor Walter Hunnewell in full of his Acc[t]	2„	2„	2

At said Meeting, the Selectmen appointed Charles Warren a Searcher & Packer of barrelled Beef, Pork &c. for the Year ensuing, & he was sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk——————————

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, upon due Warning given, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 2[d] Day of March AD 1795. for the purpose of appointing One Grand Juror to serve at the Court of General Seſsions of the peace, to be holden at Concord within & for the County of Middlesex on the third Tuesday of March Instant, and to serve on the Grand Jury at every Court of General Seſsions of the peace to be holden in said County throughout the whole Year——M[r] Samuel Babcock was drawn out of the Box as the Law directs————————

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, upon due Warning given, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 2d Day of March AD 1795, for the Choice of Town-Officers & other Affairs, as set forth in the Warrants for calling the Meeting they proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator of the Meeting
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk, & was sworn into said Office by Amos Bond Justice of the peace
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer———

Voted & chose for Selectmen—
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Col. Christopher Grant & was excus'd—
- Col. Moses Coolidge
- Capt Daniel Jackson
- Mr James Robbins
- Mr Edmund Fowle——

It was Voted to return the thanks of the Town to Col. Christopher Grant for his good Services———————

Voted & chose for Aſseſsors—
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Mr Jonathan Stone

It was Voted to postpone the Choice of Constables———
It was Voted to adjourn this Meeting at this place at two of the Clock this Afternoon. And the Meeting was accordingly declar'd adjourn'd———————

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In the Afternoon the Meeting for giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register was open'd at the Public Meeting-house & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

The Votes for a County Treasurer were call'd for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that Ebenezer Bridge Esqr had sixty nine Votes———
And Mr Ebenezer Stedman had seventy seven Votes for a County Register———————

Then the Meeting was open'd at the Public Meeting-house by Adjournment from the forenoon, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose for Fence viewers—
- Mr Moses Warren
- Mr Thomas Clark & was excus'd.
- Mr Nathaniel Stone

Voted & chose for Sealers of Leather — Mr David Livermore; Mr Josiah Leavitt; Mr Richard Sanger

Voted & chose for Tythingmen — Mr Phinehas B. Hovey; Lieut Benjamin Hastings

Voted to choose five Surveyors of Highways———

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways — Lieut Samuel Fowle; Majr Moses White; Mr Edmund Fowle; Lieut Joshua Grant; Mr Josiah Mixer

Voted & chose for Howards — Mr Enoch Hide; Mr William Bond; Mr Ezekiel Whitney

Voted & chose for Hogrieves — Messrs Levi Morse; Leonard Bond; Thomas Clark; Ebenezer Chenery

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Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market — Capt John George; Capt Daniel Jackson

Voted & chose for Measurers of Wood — Deacon Jedidiah Leathe; Mr Samuel White; Mr Samuel Holt; Capt Henry Williams

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops and Staves — Messrs Samuel Holt; Stephen Tuttle

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber — Messrs David Sanger; Joseph Nixon

Voted & chose for Firewards — Capt Nathaniel Bemis; Capt John Fowle; Mr Francis Faulkner; William Hunt Esqr; Lieut Samuel Wellington; Mr Nathl Weld

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney a Pound-keeper————
Voted not to choose Overseers of the poor————————

Voted & chose for Constables ⸗ { Meſs[rs] Andrew Blackman, Moses Warren & was excus'd, Thomas Clark

Voted that the Collection of Taxes be farm'd out to the lowest bidder on the same Conditions, & under the same restrictions, as they were the last Year ⸗

The East List of State, County & Town Taxes were put up and struck of to M[r] Nathaniel Stone for—/9[d] ℔ Pound—

The West List of State, County & Town Taxes were put up and struck of to M[r] Samuel Wellington for—/11½ ℔ Pound————

Voted & chose for Collectors of Taxes ⸗ { Meſs[rs] Nathaniel Stone, Samuel Wellington

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Voted & chose M[r] Phinehas Jenison for a Sexton————
Voted to grant M[r] Phinehas Jenison £6—for his Services—
Voted that Swine shall not run at large the ensuing Year—
Voted not to choose a Committee to make any alteration in the School-districts————————
Voted to grant £120—to support the Schools the ensuing Year, And that it be expended in the same way & manner as it was the last Year————————

7th Article. It was Voted to postpone to the Adjournment of this Meeting

8th It was Voted to grant £6 to repair the Great-bridge the ensuing Year————

9th It was Voted to aſseſs the Highway rate the same as it was the last Year, and that six Shillings ℔ Day be allow'd for a Man, and the same price for a good Team————
It was Voted that the former Surveyors be directed to return their Lists to the present Surveyors, and if any of those old Taxes are not work'd out by the first Day of next June, then to be return'd to the Aſseſsors to have them put in the Town Taxes————————
It was Voted that the Surveyors be directed to put the Town's Plough's in repair & present their Acc[ts] to the Town————
It was Voted that the Surveyors be directed to put the Town's Plough's under cover ⸗

Voted & chose for a Committee to examine the Town Treas$^{r's}$ Acc^{ts} — { William Hunt Esqr / Capt Daniel Jackson / Mr Samuel Wellington }

It was Voted to grant Mr Isaac Patten in full of his Acc^{t} — — — — — — — — — — — — £21,, 17,, —

It was Voted to grant Nathl R. Whitney in full of his Acc^{t} for Services as an Aſsesſor last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — 3,, 2,, —

To Ditto in full of his Acc^{t} for Service as Treasurer last Year — — — — — — — — — — 10,, 10,, —

To Amos Bond Esqr in full of his Acc^{t} for Service as an Aſsesſor last Year — — — — — 2,, 16,, —

To Mr Jonathan Stone in full for Ditto — — 2,, 16,, —

It was Voted to request the Land Committee (so called) to make report at the Adjournment of this Meeting————
It was Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Ministerial Barn & see what repairs are neceſsary & make report at the Adjournment of this Meeting————

Voted & chose for said Committee — { Meſs^{rs} Jonas White Junr / Edmund Fowle / Amos Livermore }

It was Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Mr Nathl Weld's House at half an hour after six of the Clock this Evening. And the Meeting was accordingly declar'd adjourn'd

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On the Evening of the said 2^{d} of March 1795 The Meeting was open'd at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld by Adjournment from the Meeting house proceeded as follows. (Viz)

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to direct their Constables to warn Town-meetings in future by posting up an Attested Copy of a Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town, and at any other public House, as the Selectmen shall find most convenient, two Sundays prior to said Meetings————————

It was Voted to appoint a Committee to apprize the Common Land near the House of Meſs^{rs} Leonard & Jonas Bond; and that said Committee be empowered to sell said Land to said Bond's at the apprized Value; and if they do not

have said Land, the Committee are empowered to give Public notice of the Sale, and sell the same at Public Auction—

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Mr Samuel Wellington; Capt Joseph Bright; Mr Edmund Fowle

It was Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Meeting house, & see what repairs are neceſsary, & the expence the same will amount to, & make report at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Meſs^rs Adam Brown; Amos Livermore; Benjamin Hastings; Edmund Fowle; Isaac Dana

17th Article It was Voted to dismiſs———
It was Voted to grant £6. for to defray the Expence of a Singing-school the Year ensuing———
It was Voted that the Selectmen be directed to give an Order on the Treasurer to pay to a Committee that shall be chosen by the Singers to receive said Sum, provided the same be appropriated for defraying the expence of a Singing-school in said Town———

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It was Voted that the Seines for the fishery be left discretionary with the Selectmen as to the repairing the old Seines or purchasing any new ones———
It was Voted that the leasing of the fishery be left discretionary with the Selectmen———
It was Voted to adjourn this Meeting at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on the 23^d Day of March Instant at two of the Clock in the Afternoon———
And the Meeting was accordingly declar'd adjourn'd
Then the Hay-scales were put up at Public Auction for the term of One Year & struck of to Mr Jonas Wood for Forty four Dollars & an half———

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices hereafter mentioned to which they were chosen on said Day by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk (Viz)
Meſs^rs Moses Warren & Nathl Stone Fence viewers———

Mr Richard Sanger Sealer of Leather————————
Mr Phinehas B. Hovey Tythingman————————
Meſsrs Edmund Fowle, Saml Fowle & Josiah Mixer, Surveyors of Highways————————
Meſsrs Enoch Hide & Ezekiel Whitney Howards————
Meſsrs Leonard Bond, Thomas Clark & Ebenezer Chenery Hogreeves
Capt Daniel Jackson, Clerk of the Market————————
Deacon Jedidiah Leathe & Mr Samuel Holt Measurers of Wood——
Meſsrs Samuel Holt & Stephen Tuttle Cullers of Hoops & Staves——
Mr Joseph Nixon Surveyor of Timber————————

March 2d 1795 Mr Samuel Hager delivered the following Notification (Viz)——To the Selectmen of Watertown——
This is to inform you that on the 1t Day of April last I took into my Dwelling house a Man by the Name of Samuel Walker, his Wife Mercy, and three Children named Samuel, Nancy & Hannah who came from Cambridge, & who appear to be in low circumstances
Also at the same time I took into my Dwelling-house a Man by the Name of Capt Daniel Waters, who came last from Cambridge & appears to be in low circumstances—Samuel Hager
Watertown March 2d 1795———As you may see on file—

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Also, The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town Meeting on the 16th Day of March Instant (Viz)——
Middlesex ſs: To Mr Benjamin Tainter one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the sixteenth Day of March Instant, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To know if they will appoint a Committee, or Agents to appear at the Court of General Seſsions of the peace to be holden at Concord on the third Tuesday of March Instant, in support of the doings of the Selectmen & Town in laying

out a road through Land of John Remington Esqr & Capt Daniel Jackson & John Vinall Es^{q}——Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the time appointed for said Meeting; Given under our Hands & Seal Dated at Watertown this second Day of March AD 1795

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge } Selectmen for
Edmund Fowle } Watertown

March 7th 1795 Mr Levi Morse was sworn into the Office of Hogreeve by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on the 9th Day of March AD 1795. They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to Mr Aaron Appleton in full of his Acc^{t} for keeping School in the West-district from Jan^{ry} 14th 1795. to the 10th of March & for supplying the School with one cord of Wood £13,,6,,8

They Also iſsued a Warrant for a Town Meeting to be on the 23^{d} Day of March Instant as follows (Viz)

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Thomas Clark one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town being Twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of One Year next preceeding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the Annual Income of Three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of Sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the Twenty third Day of March Instant at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for One Representative that is an Inhabitant in the second Middle-district, to represent the said District in the Congreſs of the United States of America——Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seal at Watertown this Ninth Day of March. In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, Seven hundred & Ninety five—

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Daniel Jackson
Edmund Fowle
} Selectmen for Watertown

Mr Thomas Clark was sworn into the Office of Constable by Nathl Ruggles Whitney Town Clerk———————

The Selectmen at said Meeting agreed to put out Tabitha Learned & Child to board with Mr David Rufsell for the term of One Year provided he tarrys so long in this Town; and he is to have two Shillings ℔ Week, and the benefit of her Labor, during said term———————

March 11th AD 1795 Mr David Livermore was sworn into the Office of Sealer of Leather by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk———————

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs upon due Warning given, regularly afsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the 16th Day of March AD 1795 for the purpose of transacting the businefs as set forth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)

1^t^ Voted & chose Mr Samuel White Moderator for said Meeting———————

2^d^ It was Voted that the Obligation that is entered on the back of the Petition of the Subscribers, praying to have a Road laid out through Land of John Remington Esqr & Land of Capt Daniel Jackson & John Vinall Esqr is satisfactory to the Town———————

It was Voted to choose a Committee, (or Agents) of three persons to appear at the Court of General Sefsions of the peace to be holden at Concord on the third Tuesday of March Instant, in behalf of said Town, in support of the doings of the Selectmen, & said Town in laying out a Road, through Land of John Remington Esqr & Land of Capt Daniel Jackson & through Land of John Vinall Esqr

Voted & chose for said Committee
- William Hunt Esqr
- Mr Francis Faulkner
- Mr Thomas Clark

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 16th Day of March AD 1795 The Conditions for the sale of the fishery were drawn, & were the same as last Year (excepting the person, or persons who may, or shall improve the fishery shall have Liberty to procure a new Seine) instead of which the Selectmen agree to procure a new Alewive Seine, & the person, or persons who may or shall improve said fishery, shall pay for a new Seine out of the rent of the fishery, when procured by the Selectmen——
The person, or persons who hire the fishery shall pay £10. ℔ Cent down as earnest Money, & the remainder to be paid on the first Day of next September————
The fishery was put up at Public Auction & struck of to Mr Nath[l] Weld for £51,,10————
Mr Nath[l] Weld paid £4,,10 as earnest Money & gave his Note of hand for £47. payable on the 1t Day of next September—

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 23d Day of March AD 1795 by Adjournment from the 2d Day of March Instant proceeded as follows (Viz)—

The following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices hereafter mentioned to which they were chosen on the 2d Day of March Instant, by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk (Viz)—

Majr Moses White & Lieut Joshua Grant, Surveyors of Highways——
Mr William Bond Howard————
Capt John George Clerk of the Market————
Capt Henry Williams Measurer of Wood————
Mr David Sanger Surveyor of Timber————
Mr Andrew Blackman Constable————
It was Voted to excuse Mr Samuel White from serving as a Measurer of Wood————
It was Voted to postpone the Article concerning granting Money to support the poor, to April Meeting————
It was Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to make such repairs as are necessary to repair the Ministerial Barn, & make report at April Meeting————
It was Voted not to reconsider the last Vote———

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Mr Amos Livermore; Mr William Leathe; Amos Bond Esqr

It was Voted to grant £5. to make such repairs as are neceſsary for the Meeting-house———
It was Voted to choose a Committee to make such repairs as are neceſsary for the Meeting house———

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Capt Nath[l] Bemis & was excus'd; Mr Francis Faulkner; Mr Isaac Dana; William Hunt Esqr

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It was Voted to choose a Committee to procure a new covering for the Cushion, for the Desk, and lay the Acct before the Town at April Meeting———

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Deacon Jedidiah Leathe; Deacon Daniel Whitney; Mr William Leathe, & was excus'd; Capt Nath[l] Bemis———

It was Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 6th Day of April next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, at this place—And the Meeting was accordingly declar'd adjourn'd

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth upon due Warning regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 23d Day of March AD 1795 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for One Representative that is an Inhabitant in the second Middle-district to represent the said District in the Congreſs of the United States of America. The Selectmen presiding the Votes were call'd for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared the Honb[l] Sam[l] Dexter Junr Esqr had 60 Votes——Joseph B. Varnum Esqr had 45 Votes

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 23d Day of March AD 1795. They appointed Jedidiah White a Searcher & Packer of barrelled Beef, Pork &c———
And he was sworn into said Office by
Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

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Also, The Selectmen iſsued a Warrant for a Town-Meeting to be on the 6th Day of April next, as follows (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Thomas Clark one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of Twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a Freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the Annual Income of Three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of Sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth Day of April next, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth. Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, before the time appointed for said Meeting. Given under Our Hands & Seal at Watertown this Twenty third Day of March, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred & Ninety five—

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Daniel Jackson
Edmund Fowle
} Selectmen for Watertown—

Also, The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury, to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Mr Isaac Patten in full of his Acct — — £21,, 17,, —

To Mr Phinehas Jenison in full of his Acct for his Service as Sexton last Year — — — 6,, —,, —

To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full of his Acct for carrying the Chain to survey said Town — —,, 7,, 6

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting

house in said Town on Monday the 6th Day of April AD 1795. for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators & Counsellors. The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a Governor were call'd for, brought in, sorted & counted & it appeared that the following Gentlemen had the number of Votes annex'd their Names (Viz)—

For Governor,
His Excellency Samuel Adams Esqr had — — — 42 Votes
For Lieut Governor,
His Honor Moses Gill Esqr had — — — — — — — 39 Votes
And Elbridge Gerry Esqr had — — — — — — — 3 Votes

Then the Votes for Senators & Counsellors were call'd for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following Gentlemen had the number of Votes annex'd their Names (Viz)—

For Senators
Joseph B. Varnum Esqr had — 42 Votes
Eleazer Brooks Esqr had — — 42 Votes
Loammi Baldwin Esqr had — 41 Votes
Daniel Whitney Esqr had — — 40 Votes
Ebenezer Bridge Esqr had — 3 Votes

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 6th Day of April AD 1795; by adjournment from March Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Town Treasurer's Accounts was read & it appear'd that Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasr has charg'd himself with 1671,, 1,, —
And is credited by — — — — — — — — 1635,, 12,, 3½

Cash in the Treasury— £35,, 8,, 8½

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The above is a just and true statement of the Treasurers Accounts to the 6th Day of April AD 1795——
As examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same—

William Hunt
Daniel Jackson
Samuel Wellington
} Committee

It was Voted to accept the report of the Committee to examine the Treasurers Accounts——————

As you may see on file⸗

It was Voted to accept the report of the Committee to examine the Ministerial Barn & make such repairs as are neceſsary————

It was Voted to grant the Sum of £35. to repair said Barn

The Committee appointed by the Town to examine into the state of the Pews in Watertown Meeting house, made report, that they are of Opinion that the Pews that formerly belonged to Nath[l] Harris Esq[r] to Cap[t] Edward Harrington & Jonathan Bemis Deceas'd, have by the Votes of said Town, on the settlement of said Pews, reverted to said Town——————-As you may see on file⸗

It was Voted to accept the report of said Committee————
It was Voted to sell those three Pews, that are specified in the report of the Committee——————

It was Voted that the Selectmen be directed to sell those three Pews at Public Auction, on next May Meeting Day—
It was Voted to sell those three Pews, at the Public Meeting house————

It was Voted that the Committee that was appointed to examine into the state of the Pews, be directed to make further examination into said state, & make report at next May Meeting——————

It was Voted to grant £150 to support the poor the Year ensuing————

It was Voted to grant M[r] Benj[a] Tainter in full of his Acc[t] for Warning Town Meetings — —} £1,, 10,, —

It was Voted to grant M[r] Nath[l] Stone in full of his Acc[t] for Ditto — — — — — — — — —} 1,, 10,, —

It was Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in May next at four of the Clock in the Afternoon————
And the Meeting was accordingly declar'd adjourn'd

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Sam[l] Wellington Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 20th Day of April AD 1795. They agreed to let M[r] William Bond have the Improvement of the Alms house in said

Town, and the Land belonging to said Town, adjoining said House, for the term of One Year from the first Day of next May: and said Bond engag'd to support a certain number of poor persons for the term of One Year, from the said first Day of next May, for £110———————

As you may see on file⸗

They Also agreed to have a Town Meeting on Wednesday the sixth Day of May next & iſsued the following Warrant (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Andrew Blackman one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting———————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify & warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town, being Twenty-one Years of age, and resident in said Town, for the space of One Year next preceeding, having a Freehold Estate within said Town, of the Annual Income of Three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of Sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house, in said Town, on Wednesday the sixth Day of May next, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing One Representative, to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next————

You are Also required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as aforesaid to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Wednesday the sixth Day of May next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of collecting the Sentiments of the Inhabitants of the Town, on the neceſsity or Expediency of revising the Constitution, in order to amendments———————

2d To give in their Votes for a County Register———————

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You are Also required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the said sixth Day of May next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———————

2d To hear the report of the Committee appointed to examine into the state of the Pews in Watertown Meeting house, and act any thing thereon———————

3d To hear the report of any other Committees, or act any thing thereon———————

4th To know if the Town will dig a Well, and erect any other Conveniences that may be neceſsary for the Alms-house, or give any directions, respecting the Boundaries of the Land, adjoining said House, or act any thing thereon——— Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, or Town Clerk, before the times appointed for said Meetings. Given under Our Hands & Seal, at Watertown, this Twentieth Day of April, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred, and Ninety five〜

Amos Bond
Daniel Jackson } Selectmen for
Edmund Fowle Watertown〜

Mr Jonathan Stone delivered the following Notification (Viz)〜

To the Selectmen of Watertown——This may certify that I have this Day taken into my Family Thomas Hill, last from Cambridge, which appears to be in low Circumstances——

Jonathan Stone———————

Watertown April 6th 1795———————

As you may see on file〜

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Mr Samuel Hager delivered the following Notification, (Viz) To the Selectmen of Watertown———This is to inform you that on the second Day of April last I took into my Dwelling-house a Man by the Name of Daniel Whaland & his Wife, & One Child named Henry; & his Sister in Law Rebecca Dunn, who came last from Capt Nath[l] Bemis's Dwelling-house, & appear to be in low circumstances———

Samuel Hager———————

Watertown April 20th 1795. As you may see on file

Also Nath[l] R. Whitney delivered the following Notification, (Viz)———To the Selectmen of Watertown———————

Gentlemen, These are to inform you that on the third Day of April Instant, I took into my Family One Benjamin

Hide, who came from Newton, on the said third Day of April, who appears to be in low Circumstances———————

Nath[l] R. Whitney—,

Watertown April 20th 1795. As you may see on file—,

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Constitution to Vote in the Choice of Representatives, to the General Court of this Commonwealth, upon due Warning given, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Wednesday the 6th Day of May AD 1795. for the purpose of choosing One Representative, to represent them in the General Court, to be convened at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant—,

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq[r] Representative——

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At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives, to the General Court of this Commonwealth upon due Warning given, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the 6th Day of May AD 1795 for the purpose of transacting the Buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)—,

It was Voted to postpone the first Article, untill the Votes are given in for a County Register———————
Then the Votes for a County Register, were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that

M[r] Ebenezer Stedman had — 103 Votes———
M[r] Jackson Durant had — — 12 Votes———

Then the Votes for the revision of the Constitution, in order to amendments, were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that there were for the revision

68 Votes———
And against the revision there were — — 2 Votes———

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on

Wednesday the 6th Day of May AD 1795—for the purpose of transacting the Buſineſs, as set forth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1t Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator for said Meeting
2d It was Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to procure a Copy of Capt Edward Harrington's Deed, to his Son Jonathan, & any other information they can obtain respecting the state of the Pew in Watertown Meeting house, which fell to the late Capt Edward Harrington Deceas'd according to the settlement of the Pews, & to take Counsel respecting the state of the Pews in Watertown Meeting-house—

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Voted & chose for said Committee— { Nathl R. Whitney; Mr Thomas Clark; Mr Samuel Wellington———

It was Voted that the above Committee be directed to consult with Mr Parsons & Mr Dexter respecting the state of those Pews, that the Town have Voted to sell (on this Day, and obtain their written Opinion————————

It was Voted that the Selectmen be directed to postpone the sale of the said three Pews, in Watertown Meeting house untill the Committee chosen have the Opinion of the aforementioned Counsel————————

It was Voted to reconsider the last Vote, so far as respects postponing the sale of the two Pews (Viz)—Nathl Harris Esqr & Jonathan Bemis's Deceas'd, & that the Selectmen be directed to make sale of the two aforementioned Pews at Public Auction————

It was Voted not to dismiſs the Committee respecting the applying for Counsel————————

It was Voted that the Committee that was appointed to build the Alms house, be empowered, & that it be left discretionary with said Committee, respecting the erecting a fence, building a Neceſsary house, making outside Cellar-doors, digging a Well (when it may be convenient), & the building a Wash-room &c: all for the Convenience, of the Alms-house————————

It was Voted that the proceeds of the Pews that are to be sold, & the Godding house (so called) that was sold to Mr William Bond be appropriated for defraying the expence of the aforementioned Conveniences————————

It was Voted to grant in full of the Committees Acc^{t} for procuring a Covering for the Cushion for the Desk £4,, 11,, 2

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on the 6th Day of May AD 1795 They put up the Pew at Public Auction, that was formerly Jonathan Bemis's Deceas'd under the same restrictions that the other Pews in Watertown Meeting house were sold, & on the following Conditions (Viz)⸗

The purchaser is to pay £5 ℔ Cent. down, as earnest Money, and the remainder to be paid, within sixty Days from the above Date————————

And the said Pew was struck of to Mr James Robbins for Eighty four Dollars————————

Then they put up the Pew at Public Auction, that was formerly Nathl Harris Esq$^{r's}$ under the same restrictions, & payments, as the aforementioned Pew was sold——And it was struck of to Capt Daniel Jackson for Seventy one Dollars————————

Then the Wharf belonging to the Town of Watertown, lying in Cambridge, was put up at Public Auction, for the term of One Year——and was struck of to Mr Jonathan Bird for Eleven Shillings——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 8th Day of June AD 1795 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the following persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)⸗

To Mr Nathl Stone in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding Ruth Maddox & Benj^{a} Whitney to the 5th Day of last April — — — — — —	23,,	10,,	4
To Mr Elijah Bond in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding & clothing Anna Rainger to the 1^{t} Day of last May — — — — — — — — — —	14,,	10,,	—
To Mes^{rs} Francis Faulkner, Isaac Dana & William Hunt Esqr a Committee to repair the Meeting house in full of their Acc^{t} for repairing the same — — — — — — — — — —	8,,	5,,	2
To Col. Moses Coolidge in full of his Acc^{t} —	10,,	11,,	6

To Daniel Bernard in full of his Acc[t] for boarding the Widow Deliverance Whitney to the 1[t] Day of last May — — — — — — — 16,, 4,, 3

To Samuel Holt in full of his Acc[t] — — — —,, 9,, —

Also The Selectmen directed their Clerk to notify the Selectmen of Waltham, that they propose to have a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 15th Day of June Instant, for the purpose of settling the Charge which has arisen for the support of Abigail Ball the Year past; which was accordingly done————————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the 15th Day of June AD 1795 They settled the Charge which had arisen for the support of Abigail Ball since the 20th Day of June AD 1794. to the 20th Day June Instant, which amounted to the sum of — £13,, 17,, 4

Watertown's part amounted to — — — — — 7,, 4,, 3½
Waltham's Ditto — — — — — — — — — — 6,, 13,, 0½

£13,, 17,, 4

Watertown's part was paid to Deacon John Sanderson Treasurer for Waltham, by Nath[l] R. Whitney Treas[r] for Watertown
The Selectmen of Waltham agree'd to take Abigail Ball to board the Year ensuing,

The Treasurer paid M[r] Nath[l] Weld $\overset{s}{4}/\overset{d}{6}$ for the Selectmen's expence at said Meeting————————

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, upon due Warning given, assembled at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town, on Monday the 15th Day of June AD 1795 for the purpose of appointing two Petit Jurors to serve at the District Court to be holden at Boston within & for Our District of Massachusetts on the fourth Tuesday of June Instant———M[r] John Vinall & Cap[t] Henry Williams were drawn out of the Box, as the Law directs—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the said 15th

Day of June AD 1795. They agreed to have three Guide posts erected at the following places, by the persons hereafter named (Viz)—

Cap[t] Daniel Jackson is to put up one Guide post, in the square near M[r] Williams's Store.

And Col. Moses Coolidge is to put up one other Guide post at the crotch of the Roads, near M[r] Jonathan Bird's House———

Also, M[r] Edmund Fowle is to put up one other Guide post, at the crotch of the Roads, near the House where Samuel Warren dwells————————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 7th Day of September AD 1795. They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Maj[r] Timothy Jackson in full for his fees in levying an Execution on the Estate of Ebenezer Everett — — — — — — — — — —	1	7	10
To Ditto for Cash paid Mes[rs] John Bright, David Stearns & Jon[a] Hammond for apprizing said Estate 4/ each — — — — —	—	12	—
To Ditto for Cash paid Nathan Fuller Esq[r] for swearing said Apprizers — — — — — —	—	3	—
To Ditto for Cash paid M[r] Samuel Wellington for said Apprizers expence — — — — —	—	3	—
To Ditto for Cash paid Deacon Jedidiah Leathe & Deacon Daniel Whitney a Committee to procure a Covering for the Cushion in the Desk in the Meeting house — —	4	11	2
To Ditto for Cash paid Deacon John Sanderson Treas[r] for Waltham, in full for Watertown's part of the Charge of Abigail Ball the Year past— — — — — — — — — —	7	4	3½
To Ditto for Cash paid M[r] Nath[l] Weld for Selectmen's Expence at said Meeting — —	—	4	6

To Ditto for payment of Mr Nathl Stone Collectors premium in full for collecting State, County, Town & Minister's Taxes for the Year 1794 — — — — — — — — —	13,,	8,,	9
To William Bond (including what has been paid him) which will be in full for supporting the poor this present Year — — — — —	110,,	—,,	—
To Doctor Marshall Spring in full of his Acct for Medicines & Attendance on the poor to this Day — — — — — — — — —	23,,	19,,	—
To Mr David Stone in full of his Acct — —	1,,	5,,	6
To Mr Edmund Fowle Collector in full for his premium for collecting State, County, Town & Minister's Taxes for the Year 1794	41,,	15,,	3
To Mr Francis Faulkner in full of his Acct for boarding Samuel Copp & Family — —	8,,	17,,	—
To Capt Nathl Bemis in full of his Acct for a Coffin for the Widow Tainter — — — —			

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 14th Day of September AD 1795 They approbated the following persons to receive Licence for Innholders & Retailers (Viz)—

Mr Jonathan Bird
Mr Saml Wellington } Innholders
Mr Nathl Weld

Captt John Fowle
Captt Danl Jackson
Mr George Williams
Captt John George } Retailers
Majr Moses White
Mr Jeremiah Fowle
Mr John Durant Junr
Mr James Robbins

September 21t 1795 Amos Bond Esqr was sworn into the Office of Aſseſsor by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk———

Also, Mr Jonathan Stone & Nathl R. Whitney were sworn into the Office of Aſseſsors by Amos Bond Justice of the peace————

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives, upon due Warning given, aſsembled at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 5th Day of October AD 1795. for the purpose of appointing One Grand Juror, & two Petit Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Cambridge on the last Tuesday of October Instant———

Mr William Chenery was drawn out of the Box for a Grand Juror———

And Capt Nath[l] Bemis, and Deacon Daniel Whitney were drawn out of the Box, for Petit Jurors————————

October 22d 1795 Mr Nath[l] Stone was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes, by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

October 26th 1795 The Selectmen appointed Mr Samuel Holt a Searcher & Packer of barrelled Beef, Pork &c——— And he was sworn into said Office, by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

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October 27th AD 1795 Mr Nathaniel Stone was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes, by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk.

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified to vote in the Choice of Representatives, aſsembled at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town, on Monday the 2d Day of November AD 1795; for the purpose of appointing One Petit Juror, to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court, now holden at Cambridge, within & for the County of Middlesex—Mr Sam[l] Wellington was drawn out of the Box as the Law directs————————

At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown upon due Warning given aſsembled at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town, on Monday the 9th Day of November AD 1795; for the purpose of appointing three Petit Jurors to serve at the Court of Common pleas & General Seſsions of the peace, to be holden at Cambridge, within & for the County of Middlesex, on the last Tuesday of November Instant. Meſsrs Ezekiel Whitney Junr Elijah Bond Junr & Aaron Davis, were drawn out of the Box, as the Law directs————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the said 9th Day of November; They appointed Mr Joseph Jones a Searcher, & Packer of barrelled Beef, Pork &c. And he was sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

Also, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury to the Revd Richard R. Eliot the Sum of Three hundred & thirty three Dollars, thirty three Cents, three Mills & $\frac{3}{9}$ (quarterly as it shall become due,) which will be in full for his present Year's Salary, beginning the 7th Day of last May———————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the 23d Day of November AD 1795; They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury to the following persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Doll[s]	Cents	Mills
To Amos Bond Esqr in full for his Service as an Afsefsor the last Year — — — — —	9,,	33,,	3
To Mr Jonathan Stone for Ditto — — —	9,,	33,,	3
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Ditto — — —	10,,	33,,	—
To Ditto for his Service as Treasurer last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	35,,	—,,	—
To the Selectmen for their Expences last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	16,,	66,,	—
To Mr Benja Tainter in full of his Acct for warning Town meetings — — — — — —	5,,	—,,	—
To Mr Nath[l] Stone in full of his Acct for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — —	5,,	—,,	—
To Mr Aaron Appleton in full of his Acct for keeping School in the West-district to the 4th Day of last August — — — — —	50,,	—,,	—
To Abigail Goddard in full of her Acct for Houserent for Bez[l] Learned to the 1st Day of last May; Also, in full of her Acct for boarding Rachel Goddard, to the 30th Day of last October — — — — — — —	36,,	26,,	—

To Mr Nathl Stone in full of his Acc^t^ — — 10,, 4,, —

To Col. Moses Coolidge one of the Committee for the East School-district, in full for said District's proportion of Money for the Year 1795 — — — — — — — — — — 133,, 33,, 3

To Josiah Mixer in full of his Acc^t^ for Supplies delivered Samuel Warren Deceas'd — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 10,, 98,, —

At said Meeting the Selectmen agreed to sell the House belonging to the Town of Watertown (formerly improv'd by Samuel Warren of late Deceas'd) together with the Garden-fence adjoining said House; at Public Auction, on the 14th Day of December next; And directed their Clerk to give Public Notice of the Sale, by posting up Notifications in the Public-houses in said Town, which was accordingly done—

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December 14th AD 1795 At Capt Phinehas Stearns's Blacksmith shop; The following Conditions for the Sale of the House formerly improv'd by Samuel Warren Deceas'd were drawn, and were as follows (Viz)——Said House & Garden fence to be sold to the highest bidder, Also the priveledge of taking the Stones in the Cellar, & the Earth in the Garden, provided the purchaser will fill up the same with Gravel as high, or higher, than the road now is, and the Money to be paid for the same within One Month from the above Date—

And was struck of to Mr Peter Harrington for Thirteen Dollars & three fourths————————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 4th Day of January AD 1796. They appointed the following persons Engine men for the Year ensuing (Viz)—

Mefs^rs^	Samuel Holt	James Simmons
	Israel Cook	Levi Morse
	Stephen Tuttle	John Merchant
	Aaron Davis	Artemas Murdock
	Elisha Dana	David Rufsell
	Charles Bond	Elias Twifs
	Thomas Harding	Joseph Cutter
	Lemuel Whitney	Joseph Turner
	Francis Spur	Andrew White Junr

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 1[t] Day of February AD 1796; They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to* out of the Treasury to the following persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

	Doll[s]	Cents	Mills
To Cap[t] Daniel Jackson in full of his Acc[t] for Supplies delivered the poor &c to this Day ———————————	99,,	44,,	4
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full of his Acc[t] for keeping School in the Middle-district the Year past & for supplying said School with Wood ———————————	133,,	33,,	3

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At the last mentioned Meeting, The Selectmen agreed to have a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham, at the House of Mr Benjamin Bird Innholder in Waltham, on Monday the 15th Day of February Instant, at three of the Clock P M. to settle & adjust the Charge that has arisen for the repairs of the Great-bridge over Charles River in Watertown, since the last Adjustment, & directed their Clerk, to give them Notice of said Meeting; which was accordingly done———————

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Col. Moses Coolidge delivered the following Notification (Viz)—

This is to inform you that on the 8th Day of January last, I took into my Family a Boy named Martin Stone, who came from Framingham on the said 8th Day, whose Circumstances are unknown to me———————

Moses Coolidge

To the Selectmen of Watertown—

Watertown February 1[t] 1796———————

——————— As you may see on file—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham at the House of Mr Benjamin Bird Innholder in Waltham, on Monday the 15th Day of February AD 1796

*Editorial Note: word left out in original script.

They settled & adjusted the Accounts of the Charge that has arisen for the repairs of the Great-bridge over Charles River in Watertown (since the last Adjustment which was on the 9th Day of February AD 1795) which Charge

	*Doll*s	*Cents*
amounted to — — — — — — — — — — — —	21,,	78
Watertown's part is — — — — — — — —	7,,	74
Weston's Ditto — — — — — — — — —	6,,	90
Waltham's Ditto — — — — — — — —	7,,	14
	21,,	78

NB, There was an Error in the last Adjustment of the Acct^{s} being calculated at $\overset{s}{28}/\overset{d}{3}$ too much in the whole Acct

of which Watertown's part is — — — — —	1,,	66
Weston's Ditto — — — — — — — — —	1,,	50
Waltham's Ditto — — — — — — — —	1,,	54
	4 *Dol*s	70

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Deacon John Sanderson Treas^{r} for Waltham paid Nathl R. Whitney Treas^{r} for Watertown 5 *Doll*s 60 *Cents* which is in full for Waltham's part of said Charge————————
Also Mr Eben^{r} Hobbs Treas^{r} for Weston paid 5 *Doll*s 40 *Cents* which is in full for Weston's part of said Charge—

The Selectmen of the said three Towns appointed Capt Danl Jackson, to repair the Great-bridge the Year ensuing—
Also appointed Capt Danl Jackson & Amos Bond Esqr a Committee to procure Plank to cover the Creek-bridge⸗

Nathl R. Whitney Treas^{r} for Watertown paid Benjamin Bird 66 *Cents* 6 *Mills* for Selectmen's expence at said Meeting⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown, on the Evening of the 15th of February AD 1796—They agreed to have the Annual Town Meeting on Monday the 7th Day of March next, & iſsued a Warrant to Mr Andrew Blackman to warn said Meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Andrew Blackman one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all

the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of March next, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon for the following purposes (Viz)⸗

1t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2d To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Month of March and April Annually————

3d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his Service————

4th To determine whether Swine shall run at large the ensuing Year————

5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year and grant Money to pay the same, or act any thing thereon

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6th To know if the Town will build any School-houses, or act any thing thereon————

7th To grant Money to support the poor————

8th To grant Money to support the Great-bridge————

9th To grant Money to repair the Highways, or act any thing thereon————

10th To agree how the fishery shall be improv'd the ensuing Year, and act any thing thereon————

11th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts————

12th To hear the Accounts of those Persons the Town is indebted to, or act any thing thereon————

13th To hear the Reports of any Committees, or act any thing thereon————

14th To know if the Town will grant any Money for the encouragment of singing, or act any thing thereon————

15th To know if the Town will appoint a Committee to sell any Land belonging in part, or in whole to the Town, or commence any Action that may be neceſsary for recovering any Land belonging to said Town, that may be claimed by others, or act any thing thereon————

Also You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants in said Town qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the seventh Day of March next at Two of the

Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer and Register————————

You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld on Friday the fourth Day of March next, at Three of the Clock P M.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the times appointed for said Meetings.

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Dated at Watertown this fifteenth Day of February In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred & Ninety six.

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Daniel Jackson
James Robbins
Edmund Fowle
} Selectmen for Watertown.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the 4th Day of March AD 1796. They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz).

	Dolls	Cts	M
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Abner Sanderson Esqr for surveying & taking a plan of said Town &c — — — — — — — — — —	13,,	75,,	—
To Ditto for Cash paid Benja Bird for Selectmens expence — — — — — — — — — — — —	—,,	66,,	6
To Ditto for payment made to Capt Daniel Jackson in full of his Great-bridge Acct — —	21,,	78,,	—
To Capt Daniel Jackson in full of his Acct for Supplies delivered the poor to the 1t of March Instant — — — — — — — — — — — —	15,,	40,,	2
To Lieut Benja Hastings in full of his Acct —	1,,	88,,	3
To Phinehas Jenison in full of his Acct for Service at the late Samuel Warrens funeral —	2,,	—,,	—
To Amos Bond Esqr in full of his Acct for Supplies delivd the poor to this Day — — —	6,,	84,,	—

To Capt Nathl Bemis in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding Aaron Appleton a School-master in the West-district from the 22^{d} of April to the 5th of August — — — — — — — — — —	37,, 50,, —
To Ditto in full of his Acc^{t} for a Coffin for Saml Warren — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 84,, —
To Mr James Robbins in full of his Acc^{t} — —	8,, 72,, —
To William Hunt Esqr for costs of prosecution in an Action for said Town against the Estate of Ebenezer Everett — — — — — —	8,, 91,, —
To Abigail Goddard in full of her Acc^{t} for boarding Rachel Goddard from 30th of Octr last to 4th of March Instant 18 Weeks — —	18,, —,, —
To Col. Moses Coolidge in full of his Acc^{t} —	1,, —,, —
To Capt Danl Jackson in full of Jon^{a} W. Edes Acc^{t} by said Edes Order — — — — —	7,, —,, —
To Nathl Weld in full of his Acc^{t} for procuring a Seine — — — — — — — — — — —	74,, 91,, —

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 7th Day of March AD 1796 for the purpose of appointing One Grand Juror to serve at the Court of General Seſsions of the peace to be holden at Concord within & for the County of Middlesex on the third Tuesday of March Instant, and to serve on the Grand Jury at every other Court of General Seſsions of the peace to be holden in said County throughout the whole Year, And Capt Luke Bemis was drawn out of the Box as the Law directs—

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 7th Day of March AD 1796. for the Choice of Town-Officers & other Affairs as set forth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator of the Meeting.
Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk, and he was sworn into said Office by Amos Bond Justice of the peace.
Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Town Treasurer

Voted & chose for Selectmen
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Col. Moses Coolidge
- Capt Daniel Jackson & was excus'd
- Mr James Robbins & was excus'd
- Mr Edmund Fowle & was excus'd
- Capt Nathl Bemis
- Capt Joseph Bright
- Mr Jonathan Stone

Voted & chose for Aſſeſſors
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Mr Jonathan Stone

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Voted & chose for Constables
- Mr Stephen Cook
- Mr Peter Harrington

It was Voted to adjourn this Meeting————
It was Voted to adjourn this Meeting at two of the Clock this Afternoon at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjournd

In the Afternoon the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register————

The Selectmen presiding; the Votes for a County Treasurer were call'd for brought in, sorted & counted; & it appeared that Eben^{r} Bridge Esqr had fifty four Votes.
Mr Ebenezer Stedman had fifty Votes for a County Register
Mr Samuel Bartlet had eight Votes for a County Register—

Then the Meeting was open'd by adjournment from the Forenoon, & proceeded, as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose for Fence viewers
- Mr Adam Brown
- Mr Francis Bright
- Mr William Leathe

Voted & chose for Sealers of Leather
- Mr David Livermore
- Mr Josiah Leavitt
- Mr Richard Sanger

Voted & chose for Tythingmen — Mr Phinehas Jenison, Mr Edmund Fowle

It was Voted to choose four Surveyors of Highways

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways — Mr Samuel Wellington & was excus'd, Amos Bond Esqr, Col. Moses Coolidge, Mr Jonas Bond, Mr Peter Harrington

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Voted & chose for Howards — Mr Enoch Hide, Mr William Bond, Mr Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Hogreeves — Messrs Moses Warren, Charles Bond, Enoch Hide, Benjamin Tainter

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market — Majr Ebenr Kent, Mr Francis Faulkner

It was Voted that the Selectmen be directed to procure Scales & Weights for the Clerks of the Market

Voted & chose for Measurers of Wood — Deacon Jedidiah Leathe, Mr Peter Clark, Mr Artemas Murdock, Capt Henry Williams

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves — Mr Samuel Holt, Mr Stephen Tuttle

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber — Mr David Sanger, Mr Joseph Nixon

Voted & chose for Firewards — Capt John Fowle, Capt Nathl Bemis, Capt Daniel Jackson, Mr Nathl Weld

Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Pound-keeper————

It was Voted that the Collection of Taxes be farm'd out to the lowest bidder on the same Conditions & under the same restrictions as they were the last Year————

It was Voted to postpone farming the Taxes until this Evening, at seven of the Clock, to the place that this House shall adjourn to————

Voted & chose Mr Phinehas Jenison Sexton————
It was Voted to grant Mr Phinehas Jenison twenty Dollars for his Service—

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It was voted that Swine shall not run at large the ensuing Year————

It was voted to grant five hundred Dollars to support the Schools the ensuing Year————

It was voted that the Money granted for the support of Schools be expended in the same way & manner as it was the last Year————

It was voted to build a School-house in the South-westerly part of the Town————

It was voted to build a School house in the East part of the Town the next Year————

It was voted to grant two hundred Pounds to build said School-houses; and that One hundred Pounds of the same be aſseſs'd the present Year, to build a School-house in the Southwest District, & that the said One hundred Pounds be paid by the Treasurer to a Committee chosen by said Southwest District for the purpose of building a School-house in said District, in such a place, and in such a manner as said District shall agree upon, And that the next Year the said Sum of One hundred Pounds shall be aſseſs'd by the Aſseſsors, and that said Sum shall be paid by the Treasurer to a Committee chosen by the East-district for the purpose of building a School-house in said District, in such a place, and to be expended in such a manner as said District shall agree upon————

It was voted to choose a Committee to examine the repairs of the Middle School house & see what repairs are neceſsary, & make report at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Nathl R. Whitney; Mr Josiah Mixer; Mr Edmund Fowle— }

It was voted to postpone granting Money for support of the poor—

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It was voted to grant Twenty Dollars to repair the Great-bridge the ensuing Year————

It was voted to aſsefs the Highway Tax the same way & manner as it was the last Year————

It was voted to grant One Dollar ℔ Day for a Man & the same price for a good Team————

It was voted to let the fishery at Public Auction this Evening at seven of the Clock at Mr Nathl Weld's House—

Voted & chose for a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Acctst— { William Hunt Esqr / Mr Leonard Bond / Mr Francis Faulkner

	Dollrs	Cts
It was voted to grant the Selectmen for their Expences last Year ———————	16,,	66
It was voted to grant Amos Bond Esqr in full of his Acct for his Service as an Aſsefsor last Year ———————	9,,	33
It was voted to grant Mr Jona Stone in full for Ditto ———————	9,,	33
It was voted to grant Nathl R. Whitney in full for Ditto ———————	12,,	—
It was voted to grant Nathl R. Whitney in full of his Acct for his Service as Treasurer last Year ———————	35,,	—
It was voted to grant the Committee to build the Alms-house in full of their Acct ———	10,,	66
It was voted to grant Abner Sanderson in full of his Acct for surveying & taking a plan of the Town &c ———————	13,,	75
It was voted to grant Jona W. Edes in full of his Acct ———————	7,,	—

It was voted to postpone the Report of the Committee & Account for the Alms-house to April Meeting————

It was voted to grant forty Dollars to defray the Expence of a Singing-school the Year ensuing, & that the Selectmen be directed to give an Order on the Treasurer to pay to a Committee, that shall be chosen by the Singers to receive

said Sum, provided the same be appropriated for defraying the Expence of a Singing-school the Year ensuing————

It was voted to choose a Committee to join with a Committee from Waltham, to commence any Action & prosecute the same to final Judgment against any person, or persons holding or pretending to hold any Lands claimed by the Town of Watertown or Waltham, & to sell the same, or act any thing thereon in behalf of said Town⸗

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Voted & chose for said Committee⸗ { William Hunt Esqr / Amos Bond Esqr / Capt Nathl Bemis⸗

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town, at seven of the Clock this Evening⸗

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

In the Evening the Meeting was open'd at Mr Weld's House by Adjournment from the Meeting house, proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

The East List of State, County, Town & Minister's Taxes were put up and struck of to Mr William Bond for —/9 ½ d ℔ Pound⸗

The West List of Ditto were put up & struck of to Mr Charles Bond for —/11 ½ d ℔ £ ⸗

Voted & chose for Collectors of Taxes⸗ { Messrs William Bond / Charles Bond

The Hay scales were put up at Public Auction for the term of One Year, and was struck of to Deacon Jedidiah Leathe for sixty Dollars————

Deacon Jedidiah Leathe was sworn into the Office of Hay weigher, By Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk————

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to examine the Seines for the fishery, & if they find it neceſsary to have a new Shad Seine, the Selectmen are directed to procure one, provided the person, or persons who shall improve said fishery will advance Money to pay for the same, under the same restrictions as it was leas'd last Year——The person or persons who may hire the fishery shall pay five ℔ Cent. down, as earnest Money, and the remainder on, or before

the first Day of September next——And was struck of to Mr Edmund Fowle for 191 Dollars————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on the first Monday in April next.

And the Meeting was, accordingly declared adjourn'd—

Mr Edmund Fowle paid 10 Dollars as earnest Money for rent of fishery

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Then the following Town-Officers were sworn into the several Offices hereafter mentioned to which they were chosen on said Day by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk. (Viz)—

Meſsrs Adam Brown, Francis Bright, & William Leathe Fence viewers————

Amos Bond Esqr & Col. Moses Coolidge Surveyors of Highways————

Meſsrs Enoch Hide & William Bond, Howards————

Meſsrs Moses Warren, Charles Bond, Enoch Hide & Benjamin Tainter, Hogreeves————

Majr Ebenezer Kent, Clerk of the Market————

Deacon Jedidiah Leathe Measurer of Wood————

Mr Sam[l] Holt, Culler of Hoops & Staves————

Mr Joseph Nixon Surveyor of Timber————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 21[t] Day of March AD 1796 They appointed Mr Stephen Tuttle a Searcher & Packer of barrelled Beef, Pork &c. for the ensuing Year——And he was sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk. Mr Stephen Tuttle was sworn into the Office of Culler of Hoops & Staves——And Mr Charles Bond was also sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————
The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant to Mr Thomas Clark for a Town-meeting on the 4th Day of April next (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Thomas Clark one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting.

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of

Twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a Freehold Estate within the Commonwealth, of the Annual Income of

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Three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the fourth Day of April, next, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieu^{t} Governor, and Senators, and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth. Hereof fail not &c———

Also You are alike required to notify & warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the said fourth Day of April next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1^{t} To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2^{d} To know if the Town will make any Alteration in the School-districts, or act any thing thereon———
3^{d} To know if the Town will choose a Committee to search the Records respecting the Town's purchase of Josiah Goddard of late Deceas'd, and see if in equity any thing is due to the Heirs of said Deceas'd———
4th To know if the Town will sell any Land belonging to said Town, or act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, or Town Clerk before the times appointed for said Meetings. Given under Our Hands & Seal at Watertown this twenty first Day of March, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred & Ninety six⸗

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nathl Bemis
Joseph Bright
Jon^{a} Stone
} Selectmen for Watertown⸗

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March 23^{d} 1796 Mr Stephen Cook delivered the following Notification (Viz)⸗

To the Selectmen, or Town Clerk of Watertown.
I hereby notify you that a Negro-woman by the Name of Gin with her Child came to my House the Eighth Day of February 1796.
Last from Newton & Charlestown & appears to be in low circumstances

March 23d 1796 Stephen Cook⸗
As you may see on file⸗

March 30th 1796. Capt Nath[l] Bemis delivered the following Agreements (Viz)⸗

This may certify that We the Subscribers being met for the purpose of dividing the Partition fence between the Land which Samuel Hagar purchased of Jonathan Harrington, and the Land which Nathaniel Bemis purchased of Jonathan Whitney. Do mutually agree to divide the Wall in equal halves which runs from North to South as follows, said Hagar agrees to except of the Northerly half of said Wall for his part to make and maintain, and said Bemis the Southerly part for his half to make & maintain. And the Wall which runs from East to West said Bemis excepts of the Westerly half of said Wall for his part to make & maintain; And said Hagar the Easterly half of said Wall to make & maintain.—In Witneſs whereof We the Subscribers have hereunto set our Hands this Eighth Day of October 1792⸗

Test,

Abijah Pearsons Samuel his Hagar mark⸗

David Hagar⸗

Nath[l] Bemis⸗

As you may see on file⸗

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This may certify that We the Subscribers being met for the purpose of dividing the Partition fence, which is between the Land which Moses Hagar purchased of Eires Tainter and the Land which Nathaniel Bemis purchased of Jonathan Whitney. Do mutually agree to divide the Wall as follows; said Bemis agrees to except of the Easterly half of said Wall for his part to maintain, & Moses Hagar the Westerly half of said Wall to make, & maintain the whole of the above

Wall contains somewhere about three Rods be the same more or leſs. In Witneſs whereof We the Subscribers have hereunto set our Hands this Eighth Day of October 1792

Test, Moses Hagar
Abijah Pearsons Nath[l] Bemis
David Hagar

As you may see on file

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 4th Day of April AD 1796, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors; the Votes for a Governor were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following Gentlemen had the number of Votes annex'd their Names (Viz)

For Governor
His Excellency Sam[l] Adams Esq[r] had — — 65 Votes
The Honb. Increase Sumner Esq[r] had — — 35 Votes
His Honor Moses Gill Esq[r] had — — — — 8 Votes
The Honb. Elbridge Gerry Esq[r] had — — — 2 Votes

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For Lieu[t] Governor
His Honor Moses Gill Esq[r] had — — — — 83 Votes
The Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot had — — — — 3 Votes
The Honb. Increase Sumner Esq[r] had — — 3 Votes

For Senators & Counsellors
Ebenezer Bridge Esq[r] had — — — — — — 60 Votes
Eleazer Brooks Esq[r] had — — — — — — 61 Votes
Daniel Whitney Esq[r] had — — — — — — 56 Votes
Loammi Baldwin Esq[r] had — — — — — 61 Votes
Timothy Biglow Esq[r] had — — — — — — 6 Votes

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 4th Day of April 1796. for the purpose of transacting the Buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)

1t Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator for sd Meeting.
2d It was voted to have an Alteration in the School-districts
It was voted that one District begin at Waltham Line on the Great Country-road, including the Inhabitants on both sides of said Road untill you come to the Meeting house, and all South of said Road, and the House at the Brickyard; Also including Abraham Whitney & David Hagar, and that each District have the disposal of their Money agreeable to their Aſseſsments————
It was voted that Nathl R. Whitney have the Liberty of joining the South-district————
3d It was voted to choose a Committee to search the Records, respecting the Town's purchase of Josiah Goddard of late Deceas'd, & see if in equity any thing is due to the Heirs of said Deceas'd—

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Mr Samuel White
- Mr David Sanger
- Nathl R. Whitney

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4th It was voted not to dismiſs the fourth Article————
It was voted to choose a Committee to enquire what unappropriated Land belongs to the Town & make report concerning the same, at next May Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee—
- Amos Bond Esqr & was excus'd
- Doctor Marshall Spring
- Mr Amos Livermore
- Doctor Walter Hunnewell
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Mr Saml White & was excus'd
- Capt Nathl Bemis—

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 4th Day of April 1796, by Adjournment from the 7th Day of last March, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to reconsider the Vote paſs'd the 7th Day of last March, so far as respects the aſseſsing £100—the next Year for building a School-house in the East-district, & that the said One hundred Pounds be aſseſs'd this present Year————

It was voted not to excuse Mr Stephen Cook from serving as Constable————

It was voted not to accept of Mr Benjamin Tainter to serve as Constable in the room of Mr Stephen Cook————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Mr Nathl Weld's House in One Hour from this time————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd———

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In the Evening of the 4th of April 1796 The Meeting was open'd at Mr Nathl Weld's House by Adjournment from the Meeting house, proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

It was voted to reconsider the Vote that paſs'd the 7th Day of last March, for expending the School-districts Money in the same way & manner as it was the last Year; and that it be appropriated for the support of Schools according to the Division of the Districts, made on this Day————

It was voted to accept of Mr Newton Baxter to serve as Constable, instead of Mr Stephen Cook————

It was voted not to accept of Mr Benja Tainter to serve as Constable instead of Mr Peter Harrington————

It was voted to reconsider the Vote paſs'd respecting the accepting of Mr Newton Baxter instead of Mr Stephen Cook————

It was voted to dismiſs Mr Peter Harrington from serving as Constable————

Voted & chose Mr Peter Harrington Constable————

It was voted not to excuse Mr Peter Harrington from serving as Constable————

It was voted that the Oath of Constable be tendered to Meſsrs Stephen Cook & Peter Harrington————

The Oath of Constable was tendered to Meſsrs Stephen Cook & Peter Harrington by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk, and they refused to take the Oath————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Friday the 15th Day of this present Month, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Friday the 15th Day of April AD 1796 by Adjournment from the 4th Day of April Instant, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to excuse Mr Stephen Cook from serving as Constable, by his procuring Mr Joseph Nixon to serve in his stead————

It was voted to choose Constables by Hand-votes————

Voted & chose Mr Joseph Nixon Constable————
It was voted to excuse Mr Peter Harrington from serving as Constable, by procuring Mr Thomas Clark to serve in his stead————

Voted & chose Mr Thomas Clark Constable————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting, at this place, on Monday the 2d Day of May next, at three of the Clock, in the Afternoon. And the Meeting was accordingly declared Adjourn'd————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the 15th Day of April AD 1796, The following Town-Officers were sworn into the several Offices, to which they were chosen, by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk (Viz)—

Meſsrs Joseph Nixon & Thomas Clark Constables————

Mr David Livermore Sealer of Leather————

Mr Peter Harrington Surveyor of Highways————

Mr Peter Clark Howard————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 18th Day of April AD 1796. They agreed to have a Town-meeting, on the 2d Day of next May. And iſsued the following Warrant for said Meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Joseph Nixon one of the Constables, of the Town of Watertown Greeting—

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith, to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town, being Twenty one

Years of age, and resident in said Town, for the space of One Year next preceeding, having a Freehold Estate within said Town, of the Annual Income of Three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of Sixty Pounds to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the second Day of May next, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon for the purpose of choosing One Representative, to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.——Hereof fail not &c————

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the said second Day of May next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To hear the Petition of Catharine Everett and act any thing thereon————
3d To know if the Town will grant the Proprietors of the East and West School houses any Compensation for the Improvement of said Houses, or act any thing thereon————

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4th To know if the Town will make any Alteration, in the School-districts, and act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, before the times appointed for said Meetings. Given under Our Hands & Seal at Watertown this Eighteenth Day of April, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred & Ninety six—

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
Jon[a] Stone
} Selectmen for Watertown—

Also, The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer, directing him to pay to the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Dolls	Cts
To William Bond in full of his Acct for building a Wash room &c. for the Alms house —	190,,	37

To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Nath[l] Weld for Expences in leasing the fishery — — } 3,, 83

To Ditto for Cash paid Abigail Jenison for the support of her Daughter — — — — — — — — } 5,, —

To Phinehas Jenison in full of his Acc[t] for his Service as Sexton last Year — — — — — — } 20,, —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 25th Day of April AD 1796. The Selectmen agree'd with Abigail Goddard to board Rachel Goddard from the 5th of April Instant, for the term of One Year, for One Dollar & ten Cents ℔ Week (extraordinarys excepted————

Also, Agreed with Daniel Bernard to board the Widow Deliverance Whitney for the term of One Year from the 1st Day of next May, at One Dollar & twenty five Cents ℔ Week, and said Bernard is to provide for her in Sickneſs & health, Doctor's-bill excepted————

Also, agree'd with the Widow Eunice Coolidge to board Ruth Maddox for the term of One Year, from the 1[t] Day of May next, for One Dollar ℔ Week————

Also, agree'd with William Bond to support the same Eleven poor persons, (for the term of One Year, from the 1[t] Day of next May) that he supported last Year, excepting Bez[l] Learned & Wife; And said Bond is to be paid the Sum of £101, and to have the Improvement of the Alms-house & the Land belonging to the Town, adjoining said House——

Also, Agreed with Francis Marshall to board Bez[l] Learned & Wife, for the term of One Year from the 1[t] Day of next May, for fourteen Pounds————

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives, to the General Court of this Commonwealth upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second Day of May AD 1796 for the purpose of choosing One Representative, to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant————

It was voted to choose a Representative————

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq[r] Representative——

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the second Day of May AD 1796. for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

1ᵗ Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqʳ Moderator for said Meeting.

2ᵈ It was voted that the Seleƈtmen be a Committee to search into the affair of Mʳˢ Catharine Everett, and that it be left with them to act discretionary respecting the same————

3ᵈ It was voted to dismiſs the third Article————

4ᵗʰ It was voted to dismiſs the fourth Article————

It was voted to reconsider the last Vote, so far as to include all the Houses in Tainter's Lane (so called) as far as to include Moses Hagar's House, and that they be annex'd to the South-district⸗

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second Day of May AD 1796, by Adjournment from the 15ᵗʰ Day of last April, proceeded as follows (Viz)

It was voted to grant Six hundred Dollars to support the poor this present Year————

It was voted that the Seleƈtmen be empowered to draw an Order on the Treasurer, to pay the expence of the Accommodations for the Alms-house, out of the rent of the fishery, & Hay scales⸗

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The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts was read, & it appear'd that Nathˡ R. Whitney Town Treasʳ

	Dollˢ	*Cᵗˢ*	
is charg'd with — — — — — — — — — —	5297,,	50,,	8
And is credited with — — — — — — — —	5056,,	74,,	6
Cash in the Treasury — — —	240,,	76,,	2

The above is a just and true statement of the Treasurer's Accounts to the 29ᵗʰ Day of April AD 1796. As examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same⸗

William Hunt
Francis Faulkner } Committee

It was voted to accept the report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts—

As you may see on file—

The Report of the Committee appointed to search the Records respecting the Town's purchase of Josiah Goddard of late Deceas'd, was read———
And it was voted that the Selectmen be impowered to aſsist the Heirs of Josiah Goddard Deceas'd, (in receiving the balance which appears due to them) in such manner as they shall judge best———

It was voted to accept of Phinehas Jenison Junr to serve as Sexton, instead of Mr Phinehas Jenison.

It was voted that the former Surveyors be directed to return their Lists to the present Surveyors, and if any of those old Taxes are not work'd out by the first Day of next June, then to be return'd to the Aſseſsors & have them put in separate Columns in the Town Taxes.

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting———

And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 16th Day of May AD 1796, for the purpose of appointing One Grand Juror, & two Petit-Jurors to serve at the Circuit Court to be holden at Boston within & for our District of Maſsachusetts on the 7th Day of June next—Col. Christopher Grant was drawn out of the Box, as a Grand Juror———

And Meſsrs Jonas White Junr & Jonathan Stone were drawn out of the Box as the Law directs, to serve as Petit Jurors—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 16th Day of May AD 1796. They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury, to the persons hereafternamed the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Dollrs	*Cts*	*M.*
To the Committee appointed to repair the Ministerial-barn ———————	116,,	66,,	6

To Abigail Goddard (including what you have paid her) in full for boarding Rachel Goddard from 4th of last March to 5th of April ———————————	4,, 50,, —
To Ditto for Ditto from the 5th of April for the term of One Year, One Dollar & ten Cents ℔ Week ———————————	

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At the aforementioned Meeting the Selectmen & Aſſeſsors agreed to have the division of Districts for the Surveyors of Highways, to repair the Roads in the following manner (Viz)—

Amos Bond Esqrs District to begin at Waltham Line on the Great-road, & come down on said Road to include Jeremiah Fowle, & all the roads South of said Road, down by the Saw-mill as far as Capt Danl Jackson's Store——

Col. Moses Coolidge's District to begin at Capt John Fowles, thence running down the Great-road to Cambridge Line & all the roads South of said road—Also to include Hubbard Ruſsell, Simon Whitney & Nathl R. Whitney & the road as far as to the Middle School house————

Jonas Bond's District to begin at Menotomy Line & run over the Hill to the Middle School house, then to include James Bernard, thence running by said Bond's House down to Cambridge Line, & all the roads North of the Great-road————

Peter Harrington's District to begin at Waltham Line West of his House & run down to the Middle School-house, Also to include the Widow Susanna Bright; And the road to include Ezekiel Whitney Junr—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives, upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 13th Day of June AD 1796 for the purpose of appointing two Petit Jurors to serve at the District Court now holden at Boston, within & for our District of Maſsachusetts————

Meſsrs Samuel Holt and Nathl Weld were drawn out of the Box as the Law directs—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld on Monday the 20th Day of June AD 1796 They

appointed the following persons for Engine men (Viz) Meſsrs Jedidiah White, Joseph Mead, Daniel White, Charles Haley, & James Symmes instead of Meſsrs Levi Morse, Artemas Murdock, David Ruſsell, Joseph Cutter & Andrew White Junr

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the first Day of August AD 1796. They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury to the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

	Dollrs	Cts
To William Bond (including what you have paid him) which will be in full for supporting the poor from the 1t of last May to the 1t Day of next May — — — — — — — — — —	336,,	66
To Ditto in full of his Acct for repairing a Room in Capt Craft's House, to be improv'd for a School for the South School-district in part of said District's proportion of Money for the Year 1795 — — — — — — — — — —	9,,	77
To Phinehas Jenison Junr in full of his Acct for digging a Grave, toling the Bell & attending the Funeral of Anna Rainger — —	2,,	25
To Amos Bond Esqr in full of his Acct for Supplies delivered the poor to this Day — —	4,,	50

On the 5th Day of September The Selectmen sold Anna Raingers Goods which with William Chenerys Note amounted to £31,, 0,, 6

As you may see on file

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 19th Day of September AD 1796. They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Col. Moses Coolidge in full of his Acct to 15th Sept Inst — — — — — — — — — —	19,,	61
To Aaron Davis in full of his Acct for a pair of Shoes for Tabitha Learned — — — — —	1,,	33

To Elijah Bond in full of his Acc^{t} for trouble & Expence for the Funeral of Anna Rainger — 5,, —

To Doctor Walter Hunnewell in full of his Acc^{t} for Medicine & Attendance on the poor to the 24th of last August — — — — — — — 6,, 91

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At the aforementioned Meeting; The Selectmen approbated the Persons hereafternamed, to receive Licence for Innholders & Retailers (Viz)—

Innholders:
Mr Samuel Wellington
Mr Nathl Weld
Mr Jon^{a} Bird

Retailers:
Maj^{r} Moses White
Capt Danl Jackson
Capt John George
Capt John Fowle
Mr Jer^{h} Fowle
Mr James Robbins
George Williams & Co
Mr John Durant Junr
Mr John Remington J^{r}

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives, upon due Warning given regularly assembled at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 26th Day of September AD 1796. for the purpose of appointing One Grand Juror, and two Petit Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Cambridge within & for the County of Middlesex, on the last Tuesday in October next. Capt Nathl Bemis was drawn out of the Box as a Grand Juror——And Capt Daniel Jackson & Mr James Robbins were drawn out of the Box to serve as Petit Jurors————

At the Meeting aforesaid the Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury to the persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Doll^{s}	*C^{ts}*
To Mr Amos Livermore in full of his Acc^{t} for finding Materials & repairing the Ministerial-barn — — — — — — — — — — — —	39,,	34

To Capt Benj^{a} Hastings in full of his Acc^{t} for Labor at Ditto — — — — — — — — — —	17,, 25
To Mr Moses Chenery in full of his Acc^{t} for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	11,, —
	67,, 59

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October 18th AD 1796 Amos Bond Esqr & Mr Jon^{a} Stone were sworn into the Office of Aſseſsors by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk—And Nathl R. Whitney was sworn into said Office by Amos Bond Justice of the peace.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 24th Day of October AD 1796 They appointed Ebenezer Seger a Searcher & Packer of barrelled Beef, Pork &c. for the ensuing Year—And he was sworn into said Office by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk————

Also the Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Joseph Nixon one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth (Viz) the Male Inhabitants of said Town being Twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of One Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the Annual Income of Three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of Sixty Pounds, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the seventh Day of November next, being the first Monday in said Month, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for One Elector of President, and Vice President of the United States————

Also To give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States, for the second Middle District⸗

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Also; You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of November next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1ᵗ To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2ᵈ To know if the Town will choose a Committee to ascertain what priviledges, or Estate, the Town may have to any Lands on Charles River, or adjoining thereto, or any Roads leading to the same, or act any thing thereon they may think proper————

3ᵈ To know if the Town will make any alteration, in the School-districts, or School-houses, and act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, or Town Clerk before the times appointed for said Meetings—Given under Our Hands & Seal, Dated at Watertown the 24ᵗʰ Day of October, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred and Ninety six.—

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nathˡ Bemis
Joseph Bright
Jonᵃ Stone
} Selectmen for Watertown

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the House of Mʳ Nathˡ Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 31ᵗ Day of October AD 1796, for the purpose of appointing two Petit Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court now holden at Cambridge within & for the County of Middlesex.—— Also for appointing two Petit Jurors to serve at the Court of Common pleas & General Seſsions of the peace to be

holden at Cambridge within & for the County of Middlesex, on the last Tuesday of November next———
Meſsrs Edmund Fowle & Ebenr Kent were drawn out of the Box as the Law directs, to serve as Petit-Jurors at the Supreme Judicial Court————

And Meſsrs Robert Laffan & Joseph Peirce were drawn out of the Box as the Law directs, to serve as Petit-Jurors, at the Court of Common pleas & General Seſsions of the peace.

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of November AD 1796, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for One Elector of President and Vice President, of the United States————

Also to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth, in the Congreſs of the United States, for the second Middle District——The Selectmen presiding the Votes for Electors, were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following Gentlemen, had the number of Votes annex'd their Names (Viz).

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For Electors of President & Vice Prest
The Honb. Eleazer Brooks Esqr had — 44 Votes
The Honb. Ebenezer Bridge Esq. had — 1 Vote.
For Representative
The Honb. Joseph B. Varnum Esqr had — 25 Votes
The Honb. Ebenezer Bridge Esqr had — 20 Votes.

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of November AD 1796, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting proceeded as follows, (Viz).

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator for said Meeting.
2d It was voted to choose a Committee, to make search & ascertain what Priviledges, or Estate, the Town may have to any Lands on Charles River, or adjoining thereto, or

any Roads leading to the same, & make report at the next Town-meeting ⸗

Voted & chose for said Committee⸗

Capt Nathl Bemis
Mr Francis Faulkner
Amos Bond Esqr
Mr Edmund Fowle
Doctor Marshall Spring⸗

3d It was put to vote whether they would dismiſs the third Article———

And the past in the Negative————
It was voted to postpone the further consideration of this Article————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday this Day fortnight, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, at this place————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared Adjourn'd⸗

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 21t Day of November AD 1796, by Adjournment from Monday the 7th Day of November Instant, proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

The Committees Report respecting making search & ascertaining what Priviledges, or Estate, the Town may have to any Lands, on Charles River, or adjoining thereto, or any Roads leading to the same, was read————

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee & that a further time be allow'd for said Committee to make further search of Records respecting the same————

It was voted that said Committee be empowered & directed to set up Land marks on any Land, that shall appear to be the property of the Town of Watertown.
It was voted to choose a Committee to lay out a Public Landing place, between Mr David Sanger's Land and the Mill Creek————

It was voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid, & make report to the Town respecting the same at the next Town-meeting————

It was voted that the Town be divided into three School Districts, as they were formerly divided by a Committee, appointed by the Town.

It was voted that the Money granted by the Town for the support of Schools, be equally divided between the three Schools; & that the Selectmen be directed to order the Treasurer to pay to a Committee that shall be chosen by each District, each District's proportion of Money granted by the Town————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to next Monday at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjournd⸗

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 28th Day of November AD 1796, by adjournment from the 21t Day of November Instant; proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

It was voted to grant the Sum of £225,, 5,, 10 in addition to the £100 granted in March last (to build a School-house in the West-district) to defray the Expence that the Committee has contracted with Mr Joseph Nixon, for finding Materials, for the Stones, for underpinning & for compleating said House; and for paying Mr Saml Wellington for the Land, on which the said School house now stands, & that Mr Wellington give a Deed of said Land to the Town of Watertown, on receiving the Sum contracted for————

It was voted that Meſsrs John Fowle, Nathl Bemis, Daniel Jackson, Saml Wellington, Jonas White Junr Moses White & James Robbins be empowered & directed to compleat the School-house according to the contract which they have made with Mr Joseph Nixon, & that the expence of said House shall not exceed the Sum of £325,, 5,, 10————

It was voted to grant the Sum of £225. to build a School-house in the Middle-district; and that a Committee that shall be appointed by said District, to build said House be directed to get the underpinning done, as reasonably as they can, & lay their Accounts before the Town for acceptance————

It was voted to grant the Sum of £125 (in Addition to the Sum of £100 granted by the Town) to build a School-house

in the East-district; and that a Committee that shall be appointed by said District, to build said House, be directed to get the underpinning done, as reasonably as they can, & lay their Accounts before the Town for acceptance———

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It was voted that all the Money granted by the Town, on this Day, for building School-houses be aſseſsed, as soon as conveniently may be————

It was voted that the Treasurer be directed to pay the several Sums (granted for to build School-houses in the several Districts) to a Committee that shall by each District, they receipting for the Money————

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolved—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 5th Day of December AD 1796. They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury, to the persons hereafternamed the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Dolls	Cts
To Capt John Fowle & others a Committee appointed to build a School house in the West-district ———————	333,,	33,, $\frac{3}{10}$
To Mr Samuel Wellington in full for the Land on which the West School-house stands	222,,	22
To Francis Marshall in part for boarding Bezl Learned & Wife this present Year ——	25,,	—
To Phins Jenison Junr in full of his Acct for digging a Grave & attending Spencer Sangers funeral ———————	1,,	82
To Col. Moses Coolidge & others a Committee for the East School district, said District's proportion of Money for the Year 1796 ———————	166,,	66
To Phinehas Jenison in full of his Acct for procuring Glaſs &c. for the Meeting house —	9,,	12

Also, They appointed Joseph Jones a Searcher & Packer of barrelled Beef, Pork &c. for the ensuing Year. And he was

sworn into said Office, by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk Also, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

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Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Joseph Nixon, one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting———

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings (Viz) such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the Nineteenth Day of December Instant, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles, (Viz).

1[t] To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———

2[d] To know if the Town will reconsider their Votes paſs'd at a Town meeting held on the twenty eighth Day of November last, respecting the raising so large a Sum of Money for building School houses in said Town, and to see if they cannot devise a cheaper method for supplying said Town, with three convenient School-houses, and to act any thing thereon they may think proper———

Hereof fail not, & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, or Town Clerk before the time appointed for said Meeting. Given under our Hands & Seal; Dated at Watertown the fifth Day of December, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred & Ninety six—

Amos Bond
Nath[l] Bemis } Selectmen for Watertown—
Moses Coolidge

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, upon due Warning regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the Nineteenth Day of December AD 1796, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1[t] Voted & chose Amos Bond Moderator for said Meeting.

2d It was voted to dismiſs the second Article————
It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolved⸗

December 28th AD 1796. The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury to the Revd Richard R. Eliot the Sum of Three hundred & Thirty three Dollars, Thirty three Cents, and three Mills (quarterly as it shall become due) which will be in full for his present Year's Salary, beginning the 7th Day of last May————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the second Day of January AD 1797. They appointed the several persons hereafter named Engine-men———(Viz)⸗

Meſsrs	Israel Cook	James Simmons
	Stephen Tuttle	John Merchant
	Saml Holt	Saml Wellington Junr
	Francis Spurr	William Bond
	Thomas Harding	Joseph Ruſsell Junr
	Aaron Davis	Lemuel Whitney
	Elias Twiſs	Elisha Dana
	Blake Sparhawk	James Learned
	Joseph Turner	Nathaniel Ruſsell⸗

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At the aforementioned Meeting, the Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)⸗

	Dollrs Cts
To Abigail Jenison (including what you have paid her) in full of her Acct for boarding Tabitha Learned four Weeks in ſickneſs —	6,, 66
To Capt Abner Craft in full of his Acct for a Room improv'd for a School-house in the South-district 1/3 of said Sum to be conſidered as the Middle-districts part of Money, and two thirds of said Sum, as the West-district's part — — — — — — — — —	7,, 25
To Nathl R. Whitney in full of his Acct for keeping School in said District 3 Months, & 15 Days, (One third of said Sum, as the Middle-districts part of Money, & two thirds of said Sum, as the West-districts part) — — — — — — — — — — — — —	72,, 50

To Amos Livermore & others a Committee appointed by the East School-district to build a School-house in said District — — —	333,, 33
To Jon[a] Stone & others a Committee appointed by the Singers, for defraying the Expence of a Singing-school in the Year 1795 —	20,, —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 6th Day of February AD 1797. They agreed to have a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham, at the House of M[r] Benj[a] Bird Innholder in Waltham, on Monday the 20th Day of February Instant for the purpose of settling & Adjusting the Charge for the repairs of the Great-bridge, over Charles River in Watertown since the last Adjustment, & directed their Clerk to give them Notice of said Meeting, which was accordingly done—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham, at the House of M[r] Benjamin Bird Innholder in Waltham on Monday the 20th Day of February AD 1797. for the purpose of settling & Adjusting the Charge which has arisen for the repairs of the Great-bridge, over Charles River in Watertown since the last Adjustment————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting, to Tuesday the 14th Day of next March, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared Adjourn'd——

The Treasurer paid Benjamin Bird fifty eight Cents, for the Selectmens Expence at said Meeting—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 27th Day of February AD 1797. They agreed to have the Annual Town-meeting on Monday the 13th Day of next March, at Nine of the Clock, in the Forenoon; and iſsued a Warrant to M[r] Thomas Clark Constable, to warn said Meeting (Viz)—

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Thomas Clark one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the thirteenth Day of March next, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon for the following purposes (Viz).

1t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2d To choose all Town-Officers required to be chosen in the Month of March, and April Annually————

3d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his Service————

4th To determine whether Swine shall run at large the ensuing Year————

5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, or act any thing thereon——

6th To grant Money to support the poor————

7th To grant Money to support the Great-bridge.———

8th To grant Money to repair the Highways, or act any thing thereon————

9th To agree how the Fishery shall be improv'd the ensuing Year, and act any thing thereon————

10th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts.

11th To hear the Accounts of those Persons the Town is indebted to, or act any thing thereon————

12th To hear the Reports of any Committees, or act any thing thereon————

13th To know if the Town will grant any Money for the encouragement of singing, or act any thing thereon————

14th To know if the Town will sell any Pews in Watertown Meeting-house (which revert to the Town) and act any thing thereon————

15th To know if the Town will procure a Herse, & Pall, and act any thing thereon————

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16th To know if the Town will hear the request of Jonathan Brown Esqr respecting an Omission in his Credit, as a late Treasurer, and act any thing thereon————

17th To know if the Town will sell any Land (or straiten the Line) adjoining Shearmans Pond (so called) and act any thing thereon————

18th To know if the Town will sell any Land, adjoining the Land of Jonathan Stone, and act anything thereon————

19th To know if the Town will abate any Persons Taxes, in Deacon Jedidiah Leathes List, and act any thing thereon—

Also You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants in said Town qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives, to meet and assemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the thirteenth Day of March next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.————

You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathaniel Weld on Friday the tenth Day of March next, at three of the Clock P M. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the times appointed for said Meetings. Dated at Watertown this twenty seventh Day of February, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand seven hundred & Ninety seven————

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] Bemis
Joseph Bright
Jon[a] Stone
} Selectmen for Watertown

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on the 10th Day of March AD 1797; They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury to the several Persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz).

	Doll[s]	Ct[s]
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for paying Isaac Taylor for boarding his Wife's Child to the Year 1795 — — — — — — — — — — — —	13,,	33

	Dollˢ	Cᵗˢ
To Ditto for Cash paid Abigail Jenison for the support of her Daughter Lucy Jenison & Child	11,,	—
To Ditto for Cash paid Deacon John Sanderson Treasʳ for Waltham, Watertown's part of the Charge of Abigail Ball to the 20th of June 1796	30,,	99
To Ditto for Cash paid Benjamin Bird for Selectmen's Expence at said Meeting	—,,	67
To Ditto for Cash paid Nathˡ Weld for Selectmen's Expence in the sale of Anna Rainger's Goods	4,,	16
To Ditto for paying Nathˡ Stone's Premium for collecting State, County & Town Taxes in 1795	38,,	9
To Abigail Jenison (including what has been paid her 50 Cents ℔ Week for boarding her Daughter's Child		
To Nathˡ R. Whitney for Cash paid Benjamin Bird for Selectmen's Expence on the 20th of last February	—,,	58
To Ditto for paying Isaac Taylor in full for boarding his Wife's Child to the Year 1796	13,,	33
To the Selectmen for their Expences in 1795	16,,	66
To Amos Bond Esqʳ in full of his Accᵗ for his Service as an Aſſeſsor in 1795	9,,	33
To Jonᵃ Stone in full of his Accᵗ for Ditto	9,,	33
To Nathˡ R. Whitney in full of his Accᵗ for Ditto	12,,	—
To Ditto in full for his Service as Treasurer in 1795	35,,	—
To the Committee to build the Alms-house in full	10,,	66
To Jonᵃ Stone & others a Committee appointed by the Singers to defray the Expence of a Singing school	40,,	—
To Capᵗ Nathˡ Bemis in full of his Accᵗ	6,,	74
To Col. Moses Coolidge in full of his Accᵗ	6,,	74

To Jon[a] Stone in full of his Acc[t] — — — — 4,, 58

To Cap[t] Benj[a] Hastings in full of his Acc[t] — 3,, 97

To William Bond in full of his Acc[t] for Supplies del[d] the poor — — — — — — — — 13,, 61

To Edmund Fowle in full of his Acc[t] for Seines for the fishery — — — — — — — — 75,, 74

To Leathe & Spur in full of their Acc[t] for repairing the Engine — — — — — — — — 5,, 79

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 13th Day of March AD 1797, for the Choice of Town Officers & other Affairs as set forth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

Voted & chose William Hunt Esq[r] Moderator for said Meeting————

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk; & he was sworn into said Office by Amos Bond Justice of the peace—

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer⸗

Voted & chose for Selectmen⸗
- William Hunt Esq[r]
- M[r] James Robbins
- Maj[r] Moses White
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- M[r] Francis Faulkner

Voted & chose for Aſsesſors⸗
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- M[r] Francis Faulkner
- Maj[r] Eben[r] Kent

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to three of the Clock this Afternoon at this place————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared Adjourn'd

In the Afternoon the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer——

The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a County Treasurer, were call'd for, brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that the Honb. Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] had forty five Votes——

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Then the Meeting was open'd by Adjournment from the Forenoon, & proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

Voted & chose for Constables⸗
- Doctor Marshall Spring
- William Hunt Esqr

Voted & chose for Fence-viewers
- Capt Nathl Bemis
- Mr Adam Brown
- Mr William Bond
- Mr Richard Richardson
- Capt Joseph Bright

Voted & chose for Sealers of Leather
- Mr David Livermore
- Mr Israel Cook & was excus'd
- Mr Richard Sanger

Voted & chose for Tythingmen
- Mr Joseph Jones
- Mr Nathl Weld

It was voted to choose four Surveyors of Highways⸗

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways
- Doctor Marshall Spring & was excus'd
- Mr Samuel Wellington
- Mr Jon^{a} Bird
- Lieu^{t} Eben^{r} Chenery
- Deacon Daniel Whitney

Voted & chose for Howards⸗
- Mes^{rs} Daniel Coolidge
- Richard Richardson
- Amos Livermore Junr

Voted & chose-for Hogreeves⸗
- Mr Francis Faulkner
- Mr James Robbins
- Maj^{r} Moses White
- Maj^{r} Eben^{r} Kent

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market
- Mr Joseph Peirce
- Capt John George

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Voted & chose for Measurers of Wood
- Deacon Jedidiah Leathe
- Mr Samuel Holt
- Capt Daniel Jackson & was excus'd
- Mr Samuel White
- Mr Andrew Blackman

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Mes^{rs} Samuel Holt
- Joseph Jones

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber { Meſsrs David Sanger, Joseph Nixon

Voted & chose for Firewards { Capt Nathl Bemis, Amos Bond Esqr, Capt John Fowle, Col. Moses Coolidge & was excus'd, Mr Edmund Fowle, Mr Leonard Bond, Mr Adam Brown

Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Pound-keeper———
Voted & chose Phinehas Jenison Junr Sexton———
It was voted to choose two more Firewards———

Voted & chose for Firewards { Meſsrs Francis Faulkner, Nathl Weld

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to contract with Phinehas Jenison Junr for his pay, & direct him in his Duty as Sexton———

It was voted that Swine shall not run at large the ensuing Year———

It was voted to grant 500 Dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing Year———

It was voted that the Money granted for the Support of Schools be expended in the same way & manner as it was the last Year———

6th Article Was voted to be postponed to the Adjournment of this Meeting———

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It was voted to choose one more Surveyor of Timber———

Voted & chose Mr William Bond Surveyor of Timber———

7th Article Was voted to be postponed to the Adjournment of this Meeting———

It was voted that the Highway Tax be aſseſsed in the same way & manner as it was the last Year———

It was voted to grant One Dollar ℔ Day for a Man's Labor at the Highways, & the same price for a good Team—

It was voted that the Aſseſsors be directed to make the Highway Tax & proceed agreeable to the late Law———

It was voted to let the fishery in the same way as it was the last Year———

It was voted to let out the fishery this Evening at Mr Nathl Weld's House

Voted & chose for a Committee to examine the Town Treas$^{r's}$ Acc^{ts} { William Hunt Esqr / Mr Edmund Fowle / Mr Thomas Clark

It was voted to postpone the Allowance of Accounts to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

It was voted to grant forty Dollars for the encouragement of a Singing-school the ensuing Year————

The report of the Committee appointed to lay out a Public Landing-place on Charles River was read & is as follows (Viz).

To the Town of Watertown—

Gentlemen,——

Your Committee appointed at your Meeting holden on the seventh Day of November 1796, for the purpose of laying out a Public Landing place on Charles River; Beg leave to report that they have attended that Service and have laid out said Landing-place, and bounded it as follows, (Viz) Northerly on the Great County-road, leading from the Great-bridge to Charlestown; Easterly partly on a Road or Town-way leading to the House of John Sanger, partly on David Sangers Wharf, and partly on John Sanger's Wharf, South westerly and Southerly on the Channel in Charles River, and on the Mill-Creek————

All which is humbly submitted by—

As you may see on file— Amos Bond, Moses Coolidge, Nathl Bemis, Joseph Bright, Jon^{a} Stone } Committee

It was voted to postpone the acceptance of said Report to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

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The Report of the Committee appointed for ascertaining what Lands the Town owns adjoining Charles River, or Ways leading thereto was read, & is as follows (Viz),

To the Town of Watertown—

Gentlemen,

Your Committee appointed at your Meeting holden on the seventh Day of November 1796, for the purpose of ascertaining what Lands the Town owns adjoining Charles River or Ways leading thereto—Beg leave to report that they have attended that Service and find that the Town have a Way by their Records into Charles River between

the Land of Mr David Sanger and the Mill Creek; they also find that there is a Town-way leading from Jenison's Lane (so called) to the Flats of four Rods wide laid out by the Town in the Year sixteen hundred & thirty nine.——
Your Committee also find that the Town in selling a piece of Common Land adjoining said Road to Israel Mead in the Year seventeen hundred & forty four, have bounded him at High water Mark, reserving to themselves all the Beech from Highwater Mark from the Road leading into the River, until it comes to the Corner of Samuel Jenison's Land—All which is humbly submitted by⸗

As you may see on file⸗ Amos Bond, Edmund Fowle, Marshall Spring, Nath[l] Bemis } Committee

It was voted to accept the Report of said Committee———
And that the Selectmen be directed to keep open said Road————
It was voted to accept of the Pew in Watertown Meeting-house, that was formerly Capt Edward Harrington's Deceas'd, and that the Persons appearing, & owning the Property, be paid the prime cost for said Pew, on giving a Deed thereof to the Town————

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It was voted to choose a Committee to see what Pews there are in Watertown Meeting-house which revert to the Town according to the settlement of the Pews; and make report to the Town respecting the same at the Adjournment of this Meeting⸗

Voted & chose for said Committee⸗ { Mr Samuel White, Mr Amos Livermore, Amos Bond Esqr⸗

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to procure a decent Herse & Pall for the Dead, and lay the Accounts before the Town for acceptance at the Adjournment of this Meeting————
It was voted that the Committee appointed to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts be directed to examine the Records, and see if any thing is due to Jonathan Brown Esqr as late Treasurer and if they find there is any thing due; the Treasurer is directed to draft an Order on the Collector to pay the same————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at this place————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 13th of March AD 1797————

They agreed to lease the Fishery the ensuing Year, under the same restrictions as it was the last Year——And it was put up at Public-Auction and struck of to Jonas Wood for Three hundred & forty three Dollars————

The Hay-scales were put up at Public Auction until next March Meeting Day & were struck of to Edmund Fowle for fifty two Dollars————

Jonas Wood paid Eighteen Dollars as earnest Money for the Fishery————

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The East List of State, County, Town & Minister's Taxes were put up & struck of to David Stone for /9½ ℔ Pound

The West List of State, County, Town & Ministers Taxes were put up & struck of to Edmund Fowle for /11 ℔ Pound

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town, on the Evening of the 13th of March AD 1797 for the purpose of appointing One Petit Juror to serve on the Petit Jury at the Courts of Common pleas & Gen[l] Seſsions of the peace to be holden at Concord within & for the County of Middlesex on the Monday next preceding the third Tuesday in March Instant—And Samuel Coolidge was drawn out of the Box as the Law directs————

Then the following Town-Officers were sworn into the several Offices hereafter mentioned to which they were chosen on this Day—(Viz)—

Nath[l] R. Whitney, Mr Francis Faulkner & Majr Ebenr Kent, Aſseſsors, by Amos Bond Justice of the peace————

And the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—(Viz)—

Capt Nathl Bemis, Meſs^{rs} Adam Brown, William Bond, Richard Richardson & Capt Joseph Bright Fence-viewers.—Meſs^{rs} Samuel Wellington, Jonathan Bird, & Deacon Daniel Whitney, Surveyors of Highways————

Meſs^{rs} Daniel Coolidge & Richard Richardson, Howards.

Deacon Jedidiah Leathe & Mr Saml Holt Measurers of Wood————

Mr Saml Holt Culler of Hoops & Staves————

Mr Joseph Nixon & William Bond Surveyors of Timber——

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham at the House of Mr Benjamin Bird Innholder in Waltham on Tuesday the 14th Day of March AD 1797 for the purpose of settling & adjusting the Charge which had arisen for repairing the Bridge over Charles River the Year past————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Friday the 31^{t} Day of March Instant at three of the Clock in the Afternoon at this place—And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjournd⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen & Aſſeſsors at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the 17th Day of March AD 1797 They agreed to have the Surveyors of Highway's Districts in the following manner (Viz)⸗

Samuel Wellington's District begin at Waltham Line on the Great-road & come down said Road & include John Tucker & Joseph Peirce & the Road to Tredeway's Bridge (so called); Also including the Road South of said Great-road as far down as to include William Hunt Esqr & James Robbins————

Jonathan Birds District to begin at Cambridge Line on the Great-road & come up said Road as far as Tredeway's-bridge & all the Roads South of said Road; & the Road up to the Middle School-house; Also the Roads beyond the Great-bridge to Newton Line————

Ebenezer Chenery's District to begin at Menotomy Line & run over the Hill to the Middle School-house, thence to include James Bernard, thence running by Leonard & Jonas Bond's House, down to Cambridge, & all the Roads North of the Great-road————

Deacon Daniel Whitney's District to begin at Waltham Line West of Peter Harrington's House, & run down to the Middle School-house; Also to include the Widow Susanna Bright; And the Road running by Ezekiel Whitney Junr House to the Great-road————

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Also, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Joseph Nixon one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of Twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a Freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the Annual Income of Three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third Day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor Lieutenant Governor, and Senators, and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.—Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk before the time appointed for said Meeting.—Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown this seventeenth Day of March, In the Year of Our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred & Ninety seven—

William Hunt
James Robbins
Moses White
Nathl R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown—

March 29th AD 1797 Lieu^{t} Ebenezer Chenery was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of High-ways by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham at the House of Mr Benjamin Bird Innholder in Waltham on Friday the 31^{t} Day of March AD 1797 by adjournment——It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to this place to Monday three Weeks from next Monday, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon—And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third Day of April AD 1797 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors; The Selectmen presiding the Votes for Governor were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following Gentlemen had the number of Votes annex'd their Names (Viz)—

For Governor
His Honor Moses Gill Esqr had 67 Votes
Honb. Increase Sumner Esqr had 24 ——
Honb. James Sullivan Esqr had 8 ——
Honb. John Brooks Esqr had — 1 Vote

For Lieutenant Governor—
His Honor Moses Gill Esqr had 29 Votes
Honb. James Bowdoin Esqr had 16 ——
Honb. Increase Sumner Esqr had 9 ——
Honb. Elbridge Gerry Esqr had 6 ——
Honb. James Sullivan Esqr had 3 ——

For Senators & Counsellors—
Honb. Eleazer Brooks Esqr had 80 ——
Honb. Eben^{r} Bridge Esqr had — 80 ——
Honb. Daniel Whitney Esqr had 54 ——
Jonathan Hale Esqr had 8 ——
Aaron Hill Esqr had — — 48 ——
Timothy Biglow Esqr had 28 ——
William Hull Esqr had — 20 ——
Doctor Marshall Spring had — 1 Vote
Stephen Dana Esqr had 1 Vote

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third Day of April AD 1797 by Adjournment from the 13th Day of last March and proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to excuse Doctor Marshall Spring from serving as Constable————
Voted & chose Capt John George Constable————
Voted & chose William Chenery Constable————
It was voted to excuse Richard Sanger from serving as Sealer of Leather————

Voted & chose Aaron Davis Sealer of Leather————
It was voted to excuse David Livermore from serving as Sealer of Leather————
Voted & chose Benjamin Tainter Sealer of Leather————
It was voted to excuse Nath[l] Weld from serving as Tythingman, & chose Moses Hagar in his stead————
Voted & chose William Leathe & Enoch Hide Hogreeves, instead of James Robbins & Francis Faulkner————
It was voted to choose four Aſsesſors in addition to the three that were chosen & sworn in last March————
William Leathe & Enoch Hide were sworn into the Office of Hogreeves, by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk

Voted & chose for Aſsesſors
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Jonathan Stone
- Cap[t] Nath[l] Bemis
- Leonard Bond

Amos Bond Esq[r] Jon[a] Stone, Cap[t] Nath[l] Bemis & Leonard Bond were sworn into the Office of Aſsesſors, by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to May Meeting Day at four of the Clock in the Afternoon at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of M[r] Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the third Day of April AD 1797——They let the Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown to Cap[t] Samuel Fowle for the term of One Year for two Dollars & thirty three Cents————
Cap[t] John George was sworn into the Office of Clerk of the Market——And Joseph Jones was sworn into the Offices of Tythingman & Culler of Hoops & Staves, by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————
The Selectmen agreed that a new Seine be provided for those who hired the Fishery the Year ensuing. And that fifty Dollars be allowed them for that purpose; that the former Seines be mended & repaired without calling for any further Sum & return'd to the Town.————
Also agreed with Abigail Goddard to board Rachel Goddard from the 5th Day of April Instant for the term of One Year for One Dollar & twenty Cents ℔ Week————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the tenth Day of April AD 1797 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Dollˢ	Ctˢ
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Nath[l] Weld for Selectmens Expence in letting Hay-scales & Fishery — — — — — — — —	3,,	84
To Ditto for Cash paid Benj[a] Bird for Selectmens Expence — — — — — — — — —	1,,	33
To Joseph Nixon in full of his Acc[t] for making three Guide-posts — — — — — — —	12,,	—
To Cap[t] Daniel Jackson in full of his Acc[t] for Supplies delivered the poor to this Day	6,,	29
To Samuel Wellington in full for his Premium for collecting, State, County & Town Taxes in 1795 — — — — — — — — — — —	82,,	13
To Phinehas Jenison Jun[r] in full for his Service as Sexton last Year — — — — — —	20,,	—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 17th Day of April AD 1797 They agreed with Cap[t] Thomas Wellington to let him——have the Improvement of the Alms-house, in said Town, and the Land belonging to said Town, adjoining said House & support the Widow Deliverance Whitney, Benjamin Whitney, Ruth Maddox, Samuel Jenison & Wife, Mary Learned, John Stearns & Wife, Lucy Jenison's Child & Thomas Prentice's Wife, for the term of One Year, from the first Day of next May; and he is to receive & be entitled to all the Labor which can be reasonably expected & had of the said poor persons————

Also, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Joseph Nixon one of the Constables, of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town, being twenty one

Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of One Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town, of the Annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the first Day of May next, at two O'Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing One, or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting. Given under Our Hands & Seals at said Watertown the seventeenth Day of April, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand seven hundred & Ninety seven.

William Hunt
James Robbins
Nath[l] R. Whitney
} Selectmen for Watertown

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston & Waltham at the House of Benjamin Bird Innholder in Waltham on Monday the 24th Day of April AD 1797, by Adjournment from the 31[t] Day of last March, for the purpose of settling & adjusting the Charge which had arisen for the repairs of the Bridge over Charles River in Watertown since the last Adjustment

	Doll[s]	*C[ts]*
Watertown's Account being — — — — —	92,,	70
Watertown's part is — — — — — —	32,,	94
Weston's Ditto — — — — — — — —	29,,	39
Waltham's Ditto — — — — — — —	30,,	37
	92,,	70

The proportion of the Charge being thus made out, the Selectmen of Weston & Waltham declined paying their proportionable part of said Charge.————

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth upon due Warning given regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the first Day of May AD 1797, for the purpose of choosing One Representative——

The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in sorted & counted, and it appeared that Doctor Marshall Spring was chosen————

Doctor Marshall Spring declin'd serving as a Representative And the Inhabitants brought in their Votes for a Representative——

It was put to vote to know whether the Town will adjourn this Meeting; And the Vote paſs'd in the Negative————

The Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in, sorted & counted & it appeared that Amos Bond Esqr was chosen; And declin'd serving as a Representative—

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The Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in, sorted & counted——And it appear'd that Mr Edmund Fowle was chosen; And he declin'd serving————

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the first Day of May AD 1797 by Adjournment from the third Day of last April; and proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to excuse Capt John George from serving as Constable————

Voted & chose Jonas White Junr Constable————

It was voted to excuse Jonas White Junr from serving as Constable————

Voted & chose Samuel Wellington Constable————

It was voted to excuse Samuel Wellington from serving as Constable————

Voted & chose Capt John Fowle Constable————

It was voted to excuse Capt John Fowle from serving as Constable————

Voted & chose Capt Daniel Jackson Constable————

It was voted to excuse Capt Daniel Jackson from serving as Constable————

It was voted that the Town will in future, take the eldest person in each List of Taxes that have not serv'd as Constables, & go on in rotation, to choose for Constables————

It was voted to postpone the Choice of Constables until the Adjournment of this Meeting————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to this Day fortnight at three of the Clock in the Afternoon at this place——
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the first Day of May AD 1797 for the purpose of appointing two Grand Jurors & two Petit Jurors to serve at the Circuit Court to be holden at Boston, within & for our District, on the first Day of June next——
Meſsrs Adam Brown & William Stone were drawn out of the Box as the Law directs to serve as Grand Jurors———
And Capt Luke Bemis & Capt Joseph Bright were drawn out of the Box to serve as Petit Jurors————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the fifth Day of May AD 1797 They iſsued the following Warrant (Viz)—
Middlesex ſs: To Mr Joseph Nixon one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting.————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of One Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the Annual Income of Three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the fifteenth Day of May Instant, at two O'Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing One Representative, to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant.——Hereof fail not &c.————

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Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings, (Viz). Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the

Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the said fifteenth Day of May Instant, at three O'Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles, (Viz)—

1t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2d To know if the Town will appoint an Agent, or Agents to appear before the General Court, to answer to the Petition of the Town of Weston, respecting their being exempt from paying their proportion, for the maintenance of the Bridge over Charles River in Watertown, or act any thing thereon.

3d To know if the Town will appoint an Agent, or Agents to appear at the General Sefsions of the peace, or any other Court to defend the Town against any Indictment or presentment against said Town for not widening or repairing the Bridge over Charles River, or act any thing thereon.—

4th To know if the Town will comply with the proposals of Mr John Bullard respecting his payment of his Taxes to the Town, or act any thing thereon.————

5th To know if the Town will direct their Treasurer to advance Money to pay Capt Daniel Jackson's Account for repairing the Bridge over Charles River, & act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings. Given under Our Hands and Seals at said Watertown the fifth Day of May, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand seven hundred & Ninety seven—

William Hunt
James Robbins
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown—

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Also, Col. Moses Coolidge delivered the three following Notifications (Viz)—

Gentlemen, These are to inform you that on the 23d Day of last March I took into my Family a Man by the Name of Daniel Coolidge, who came from Cambridge whose Circumstances are unknown to me————

Also, These are to inform you that on the 9th Day of May last, I took into my Family, a Young Woman by the Name of Rebecca Porter who came last from Lexington, whose Circumstances are unknown to me————

Also, These are to inform you that on the 1t Day of April Instant, I took into my Family, a Boy by the Name of

William Vose who came from Dedham & appears to be in low Circumstances——

To the Selectmen of Watertown————

Watertown April 27th 1797

As you may see on file

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 15th Day of May AD 1797, for the purpose of choosing One Representative the Selectmen presiding the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in, sorted & counted & it appeared that Amos Bond Esqr was chosen.————

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, upon due Warning given, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 15th Day of May AD 1797 by Adjournment from the 1t Day of May Instant, proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose William Leathe Constable————

Benjamin Tainter was sworn into the Office of Sealer of Leather——And Amos Livermore Junr was sworn into the Office of Howard, by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk———

It was voted to excuse Aaron Davis from serving as Sealer of Leather————

Voted & chose Richard Sanger Sealer of Leather————

Capt John George was sworn into the Office of Clerk of the Market, by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk————

It was voted to excuse Phinehas Jenison Junr from serving as Sexton————

Voted & chose Paul Learned Sexton————

It was voted to grant Paul Learned twenty Dollars for his Service as Sexton the ensuing Year————

It was voted to grant three hundred Dollars to support the poor the ensuing Year————

It was voted to grant forty Dollars to repair the Great-bridge the ensuing Year————

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It was voted to grant Amos Bond Esqr 4/ ^{s} ℔ Day for Eighteen Day's Service as an Aſſeſsor last Year————

It was voted to reconsider the last Vote————

It was voted to grant Amos Bond Esqr Eighteen Dollars for his Service as an Aſſeſsor last Year————

It was voted to grant Jonathan Stone Eighteen Dollars in full of his Acc^{t} for Ditto————

It was voted to grant Nathl R. Whitney twenty two Dollars in full of his Acc^{t} for Ditto————

It was voted to grant Nathl R. Whitney forty Dollars for his Service as Treasurer last Year————

It was voted to grant the Selectmen 16 *Doll^{s}* 66 *Cents* for their Expences last Year————

It was voted that James Simmons's Account be referred to the Selectmen————

The Report of the Committee appointed for the purpose of laying out a Public Landing-place on Charles River was read.————

And it was voted not to accept the Report of said Committee————

David Sanger proposed to give to the Town a Deed of a——————————*paſsway to the River of two Rods wide, to be reserv'd by the Inhabitants of Watertown for a Landing-place forever————

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to lay out a Landing-place, and take a Deed of said Land to the Town, agreeable to David Sangers proposal————

It was voted to reconsider their Vote paſs'd to pay to the Claimers of the Pew formerly Capt Edward Harrington's Deceas'd, by their giving a Deed to the Town, & that they be paid, by giving a Receipt for the same————

It was voted to choose a Committee to inspect the selling any Lands, or straightening the Line adjoining Shearman's Pond (so called) & make report to the Town——

Voted & chose for said Committee { Mr Amos Livermore; Mr Samuel White; Col. Moses Coolidge }

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It was voted that the foregoing Committee be directed also to inspect the Land, adjoining Land of Jonathan Stone & make report to the Town————

It was voted that Deacon Jedidiah Leathe's List of Taxes be referred to the Selectmen————

It was voted to grant Richard Clark in full of his Account for John J. Salge's Tax allowing him Interest on said Account from the time of said Clarks settling his Taxes with the Treasurer amounting to Eight Dollars & Ninety eight Cents————

Voted & chose for Collectors of Taxes Mesſrs David Stone & Edmund Fowle————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to this Day fortnight at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 15th Day of May AD 1797 for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1t Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator————

2d It was voted to choose three Agents to appear before the General Court to answer to the Petition of the Town of Weston respecting their being exempt from paying their proportion for the maintenance of the Bridge over Charles River in Watertown—

Voted & chose for said Agents— William Hunt Esqr, Amos Bond Esqr, Nath[l] R. Whitney

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3d It was voted to choose three Agents to appear at the General Seſsions of the peace, or any other Court, to defend the Town of Watertown against any Indictment, or presentment against said Town for not widening, or repairing the Bridge over Charles River in Watertown—

Voted & chose for said Agents— William Hunt Esqr, Mr Francis Faulkner, Nath[l] R. Whitney

4th It was voted that the Treasurer be empowered & directed to take two Notes of hand of John Bullard as was proposed by him, that he may be liberated from his Confinement——
It was voted that the Treasurer be directed to pay Capt Daniel Jackson's Account for repairing the Bridge over Charles River the Year past————

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney an Agent in behalf of the Town, to call upon the Towns of Weston & Waltham to settle their proportionable part of the Charge for repairing the Bridge over Charles River in Watertown the Year past, and in case they neglect to pay said proportion, then to commence an Action in Law for the recovery of the same, & to prosecute to final Judgment & Execution————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to this Day fortnight, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd.

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 29th Day of May AD 1797, by Adjournment from the 15th Day of May Instant, proceeded as follows (Viz).

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William Leathe appeared & informed the Town that he has contracted with Charles Bond to serve as Constable in his stead————

It was voted to excuse William Leathe from serving as Constable.————

Voted & chose Charles Bond Constable, and he was sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

The Committee appointed to inspect the Land adjoining Shearman's pond (so called) made a verbal Report, that in their Opinion there is no Land at said place, but what will be for the benefit of the Town to remain in its present state, for a Public Watering-place.————

It was voted to accept the Report of said Committee———

Also, The said Committee made alike Report that the have inspected the Land adjoining Land of Jonathan Stone, & report that he have Liberty to remove his Wall about four feet at the Southwest Corner of his Land, running North to a point about ten rods.————

It was voted to accept the Report of said Committee.

June 1t AD 1797 Richard Sanger was sworn into the Office of Sealer of Leather, by Nath1 R. Whitney Town Clerk.——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath1 Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the 2d Day of June AD 1797 They iſsued the following Warrant (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond one of the Constables, of the Town of Watertown, Greeting.————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown who are qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town

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On Monday the twelfth Day of June Instant, at six of the Clock in the Afternoon for the following purposes (Viz.)⸗

1t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To know if the Town will agree on, and direct to any piece of Land on which they will have a School-house built in the Middle-district, and act any thing thereon.
3d To know if the Town will make any alteration in the School-districts, and act any thing thereon————
4th To know if the Town will direct their Treasurer to discount with those persons the several Sums they have advanc'd for to build a School-house in the West-district & act any thing thereon.————
5th To hear the Reports of any Committees & act any thing thereon————
6th To know if the Town will excuse any Aſseſsors who may apply & act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under Our Hands and Seals, at Watertown this second Day of June, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and Ninety seven⸗

William Hunt
James Robbins
Moses White
Nath1 R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown⸗

June 9th AD 1797 William Chenery was sworn into the Office of Constable by Nath1 R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 12th Day of June AD 1797, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator————

2d It was voted not to have a School-house built on the Ministerial-place————

It was voted to choose a Committee from the East & West School-districts, to confer with the Inhabitants of the Middle-district, & see if they can advise to some suitable piece of Land on which they will have a School-house built in the Middle-district; and if said District cannot agree then to have said Committee make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting, of a piece of Land which in their Opinion, will be the most suitable for to build said School-house on.—

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Mr Samuel White
- Mr Amos Livermore
- Mr Samuel Wellington
- Capt Nathl Bemis
- Col. Chrisr Grant & was excus'd
- Mr Moses Stone & was excus'd
- Mr Adam Brown
- Mr Thomas Clark
- Col. Moses Coolidge & was excus'd
- Mr Richard Richardson

It was voted to dismiſs the 3d Article————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to next Monday at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd.————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Thursday the 15th Day of June AD 1797, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury to the several Persons hereafter named, the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz).

	Dollˢ	Ctˢ
To Nathˡ R. Whitney in full of his Accᵗ for Cloathing for Rachel Goddard ————	2,,	42
To Ditto in full of his Accᵗ for teaching a School in the Middle-district & for supplying the School with Wood to the 30ᵗʰ of June Instant ————————	140,,	8
To Richard Clark in full of his Accᵗ for John J. Salges Taxes & for committing him to Goal* & for all fees ————————	8,,	98
To Nathˡ R. Whitney for Cash paid Timothy Partridge for a pair of Shoes for Thoˢ. Prentice & a pair for Benjamin Whitney —	3,,	50
To Deacon Jedidiah Leathe Collector for abatement of Taxes in his List agreeable to the List on file ————————		

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 19ᵗʰ Day of June AD 1797, by Adjournment from the 12ᵗʰ Day of June Instant, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to dismiſs the 2ᵈ Article————

It was voted to reconsider the last Vote————

It was voted to divide the Town into two School-districts as they were divided on the 4ᵗʰ Day of April AD 1796.————

It was voted that the Treasurer be directed to discount with those persons the several Sums they have advanc'd to build the West School-house by having Capᵗ John George's Certificate produced, certifying the several Sums which they have advanced————

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It was voted to dismiſs the 6ᵗʰ Article————

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts was read & it appear'd that Nathˡ R. Whitney Town Treasʳ

is charged with ————————	7405,,	92,,	8
And is credited with ————————	6991,,	32,,	6 ⅔
Cash in the Treasury ————	414,,	60,,	1 ⅔

*Editorial note—probably meant "Gaol"

The above is a just and true statement of the Treasurers Accounts to the 17th Day of June AD 1797————

As examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same

William Hunt }
Edmund Fowle } Committee

It was voted to accept the Report of said Committee———

As you may see on file

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on the 20th Day of June AD 1797, They settled the Charge which has arisen for the Support of Abigail Ball to this

	Dolls Cts
Day, which Charge amounted to — — — —	63,, 35
Watertown's part is — — — — — — —	32,, 96
Walthams Ditto — — — — — — — —	30,, 39
	63,, 35

Watertown's part of the above Charge was paid to Jona Hammond Treasurer for Waltham, by Nathl R. Whitney Treasurer for Watertown————

Waltham agreed to take Abigail Ball to board the ensuing Year for (One Dollar & seventeen Cents) or 7s/ ℔ Week exclusive of Cloathing & extra Expences in Case of Sickneſs——Nathl R. Whitney Treasr for Watertown paid Nathl Weld One Dollar & three Cents for Watertown's part of the Selectmen's Expense at said Meeting

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the 23d Day of June AD 1797, They iſsued the following Warrant (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting.————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to

meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third Day of July next at five of the Clock in the Afternoon for the following purposes (Viz)—

1t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2d To know if the Town will make any alteration, in the School-districts, and act any thing thereon.————

3d To know if the Town will direct to any piece of Land, on which they will have a School-house built, and act any thing thereon.——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting. Given under Our Hands and Seals at Watertown this twenty third Day of June, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred and Ninety seven—

William Hunt
James Robbins
Moses White
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs upon due Warning given regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the third Day of July AD 1797, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator for s[d] Meeting
It was voted to divide the Inhabitants of this Town into three School-districts————

It was voted that the three School districts be divided in the following manner (Viz)—

The Inhabitants of the following Houses for the West-district—

Marshall Spring
Samuel Hagar
Hagers new house
Jonathan Brown
William Bond
Stephen Harris
Ezekiel Whitney
Nath[l] Bemis
John Durant
Jeremiah Fowle
Abner Craft
Jerusha Norcroſs
Elijah Norcroſs
Oliver Fuller
John Meacham
John Cookson

Charles Bond
Charles Warren
Benj[a] Gardner
Samuel Fowle
Daniel Bond
Mary Cockran
Amos Bond
Amos Bonds old House
Samuel Wellington
Enoch Hide
Aaron Davis
Jonas White Jun[r]
Eben[r] Stetson
Phinehas Stearns
Peter Harrington
Samuel Whitney
Jonas White
Luke Bemis
Stephen Harris Jun[r]
The Alms-house
Samuel & Daniel Coolidge
Joseph Gardner
Ezekiel Whitney Jun[r]
Moses Whitney
Abraham Whitney
Moses Hagars House
The Tainter-house
House in Bemis's Lane
Jonathan Whitney
Francis & Moses Bright
Leonard & Jonas Bonds House
Josiah Mixer
John J. Salge
William Popenberry
Edward Sparhawk

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For the Middle-district—

John Fowle
Jedidiah Leathe
Daniel Jackson
Daniel Cornwall
John Stimpson
John Vinall
John Remington
Samuel Babcock
John George
William Hunt
James Robbins
John Capell
Luda Harris
Robert Laffan
Stephen Cook
Samuel Holt
Cooks old House
Esther Cook
Israel Cook
Eben[r] Seger
Moses White
Joseph Jones
Henry & John Williams
Paul Learned
Daniel Sanger
Doctor Craige
Andrew Blackman
Francis Faulkner
Francis Faulkners old House
Nath[l] Weld
Joseph Hay
Eben[r] Kent
Tucker & Peirce
George Feſsenden
David Sanger
William Sanger
John Sanger
House at the Brick-kiln
Thomas Patten
Edmund Fowle
Abigail Goddard
Benj[a] Hasting's Learned House
Phinehas Jennison
Robey House (so called)
Jon[a] Childs House (so called)
Josiah Norcroſs's House (so called)
Samuel Benjamin
Benjamin Hastings
Hubbard Ruſsell
Simon Whitney
Daniel Whitney

For the East-district—

Moses Coolidge	Leonard & Jonas Bond
Dorothy Coolidge	James Bernard
David Stone	Susanna Bright
Daniel Sawin	Daniel Bernard
Jonathan Bird	Samuel White
Seth Bird	Elijah Bond
Abijah Stone	Christopher Grant
Eunice Coolidge	Richard Clark
Simon Coolidges (so called)	Thomas Clark
Nath[l] Stone	Solomon Prentice
Moses Stone	John Chenery
Josiah Sandersons old house	William Chenery
Nathan Coolidge	William Stone
Sarah Chadbourn	Joseph Bright
Samuel Soden	Benjamin Tainter
John Hinds	The Godding House (so called)
James Vila	Samuel Whitneys
	Amos Livermore
	Amos Livermore Jun[r]

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It was voted that a School-house be built in the East-district on a piece of Common Land in front of Josiah Sandersons House.——

It was voted to have a School-house built in the Middle-district on the Parsonage Land between the Ministerial-house & Thomas Patten's House————

It was voted to have the School-house in the West-district placed near Cap[t] Nath[l] Bemis's & Ezekiel Whitney's Houses————

It was voted that the West-district be empowered to choose a Committee to remove the West School-house, at the place now agreed on & lay their Accounts before the Town for acceptance; and that the said Committee have power to settle with Samuel Wellington respecting the Land on which the School-house now stands.————

It was voted that the Children be sent to each School in the several Districts as they formerly were, until the School-houses are built————

It was voted to difsolve this Meeting————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on the 4th Day of September AD 1797 They approbated the Persons hereafter named to receive Licence for Innholders & Retailers (Viz)

Messrs Sam[l] Wellington	Innholders	Cap[t] Daniel Jackson
Nath[l] Weld		Maj[r] Moses White
Jon[a] Bird		M[r] Jer[h] Fowle
Ephraim Parker		Cap[t] John Fowle
		Cap[t] John George
		M[r] James Robbins
		M[r] John Durant
		Maj[r] John Williams
		Maj[r] Eben[r] Kent
		Retailers

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Also, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay out of the Treasury to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

	Doll[s]	*Cts*
To Samuel Wellington (including what you have paid him) which will be in full for Cap[t] Thomas Wellington's Acc[t] for supporting the poor from the first Day of last May to the first Day of next May — — — — — — —	333,,	33
To the Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot (in quarterly payments as it shall become due) which will be in full for his present Year's Salary — —	333,,	33
To the following persons the several Sums which was paid to Cap[t] John George as ℔ his Certificate to build a School house in West-district (Viz). — — — — — — — — —		
Maj[r] Moses White — — — — — — — — —	25,,	56
Stephen Harris Jun[r] — — — — — —	—,,	42
Jonas White Jun[r] — — — — — — —	44,,	10
James Robbins — — — — — — — —	26,,	22
William Leathe — — — — — — — —	4,,	14
Cap[t] Daniel Jackson — — — — — — — —	14,,	58
Cap[t] Nath[l] Bemis — — — — — — — —	18,,	12
Amos Brooks — — — — — — — — —	1,,	62
Samuel Wellington — — — — — — —	27,,	30
Doctor Walter Hunnewell — — — — — —	1,,	92
Ezekiel Whitney Jun[r] — — — — —	1,,	38

	Amos Bond Esqr — — — — — — — —	38,, 46
	Samuel Holt — — — — — — — — —	2,, 52
Maj^{r}	Eben^{r} Kent — — — — — — — — —	5,, —
	John Stimpson Junr — — — — — — —	—,, 42
	John Remington Esqr — — — — — —	10,, 26
	George Fefsenden — — — — — — —	1,, 38
	Joseph Peirce — — — — — — — — —	3,, 48
	Israel Cook — — — — — — — — —	5,, 82
	John Durant — — — — — — — — —	3,, 24
	John Stimpson — — — — — — — —	3,, 48
	Stephen Tuttle — — — — — — — —	1,, 50
		240,, 92

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	Doll^{s}	*Ct^{s}*
To Amos Livermore & others a Committee appointed by the East-district to build a School-house in said District, which will be in full for said Districts proportion of Money granted to build said House — — — — —	416,,	66
To Daniel Sanger in part for building a School-house in the Middle-district — — —	100,,	—
To Aaron & Isaac Dana in part for Ditto —	100,,	—

September 11th AD 1797 The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to Capt Thomas Wellington in full of his Acc^{t} for boarding William Hay three Weeks — — — — — — — — — — — — 6,, —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 2^{d} Day of October AD 1797 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Doll^{s}	*Ct^{s}*
To Nathan Tilton in full of his Acc^{t} for teaching a School in the West-district to the 30th of last Sept^{r} — — — — — — — — — —	85,,	22
To Amos Bond Esqr in full of his Acc^{t} for Supplies delivered the poor to this Day — —	11,,	42
To James Simmons in full for repairing the Engine — — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,,	25

To Josiah Leavitt in full of his Acc^{t} — — —	—,, 33
To John Vinall Junr in full of his Acc^{t} for sundry Articles of Cloathing for the poor —	5,, 19
To Mefs^{rs} Gay & Henneman in full of their Acc^{t} for mending the Barrel of the Engine —	
To Francis Faulkner in full for procuring a Pall — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	46,, 77½

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 2^{d} Day of October AD 1797 for the purpose of appointing One Grand Juror, and two Petit Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Cambridge within & for the County of Middlesex on the last Tuesday of October Instant——And Jonathan Brown Junr was drawn out of the Box as a Grand Juror——And Col. Moses Coolidge & William Leathe as Petit Jurors——

October 12th AD 1797 David Stone was sworn into the Office of Collec^{r} of Taxes by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk————

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives aſsembled at the House of Mr Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on Tuesday the 31^{t} Day of October AD 1797, for the purpose of appointing three Petit-Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court now holden at Cambridge within & for the County of Middlesex; (The Jurors being dismiſs'd that were drawn on the 2^{d} Day of October Instant to serve at said Court)—— And the Mefs^{rs} John Williams, Richard Richardson & Jon^{a} Brown Junr were drawn out of the Box as the Law directs.—

October 28th AD 1797 Edmund Fowle was sworn into the Office of Collector of Taxes by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk.

November 11th AD 1797 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting.————

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz)

Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the twentieth Day of November Instant, at two O'Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1^t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2^d To see if the Town will reconsider their Vote relative to a Town or private way running from the great Country road, to the road upon the Bank of Charles River near the Paper-mill part of which running through Land of John Vinall, and to see if the Town will discontinue the whole of said Way, or that part only which is laid through said Vinall's Land.————

3^d To hear the Accounts of those Persons the Town is indebted to, and grant Money to pay the same & act any thing thereon.————

4th To hear the Report of their Committee appointed to make search for Proprietors Land lying in the Towns of Waltham & Lincoln, granted to Proprietors belonging to the Town of Watertown & act any thing thereon.

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time for said Meeting————

Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown this Eleventh Day of November, In the Year of Our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred & Ninety seven—

William Hunt
James Robbins
Moses White
Nathl R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to

vote in Town-affairs upon due Warning given regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 20th Day of November AD 1797 for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for calling said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1t Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator————

2d Article, It was voted to dismiss————

It was voted to allow Samuel Wellington's Account and that the Treasurer be directed to pay him

It was voted to choose a Committee to examine the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to, for removing the West School-house, & for underpinning the other two School-houses, & make report at the next Town-meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee— William Hunt Esqr; Mr Amos Livermore; Mr Edmund Fowle—

It was voted the Inhabitants of the several School-districts be empowered to procure a Stove for each School-house & lay their Accounts before the Town for acceptance————

It was voted to reconsider the last Vote————

It was voted to grant the Sum of*———to procure three Stoves————

It was voted to choose a Committee to procure said Stoves—

Voted & chose for said Committee — Mr Samuel Wellington; Majr Moses White; Mr Amos Livermore—

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It was voted to choose a Committee to sell the Articles procured for removing the West School-house, and the Money arising by the Sale of the same, be appropriated for procuring said Stoves————

It was voted that the Committee appointed by the West School-district to remove their School-house be empowered to sell the above mentioned Articles at Public Auction——

It was voted that the Committee appointed to commence any Action & prosecute the same to final Judgment, against any person or persons holding or pretending to hold any Lands claimed by the Town of Watertown, be directed to

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take the most effectual method to obtain said Land & prosecute to final Judgment & Execution; And if it is neceſsary for said Committee to have any Money to carry on a Law suit, that they may be empowered to call on the Treasurer, & that he is directed to advance Money for the purposes aforementioned————

It was voted that the Treasurer be directed to advance Mrs Dorothy Coolidge twenty five Dollars, for the Use & benefit of John Stearns & Family, by Mrs Mary Stearns's Order which will be in full for Capt Thomas Wellington's Contract with said Stearns & have said Sum deducted out of his last payment————

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 4th Day of December 1797, for appointing four Petit Jurors to serve on the Petit Jury, at the Courts of Common pleas & Genl Seſsions of the peace to be holden at Cambridge by Adjournment from November term——And Joseph Nixon, Isaac Patten, Daniel Sanger & Ebenr Seger were drawn out of the Box as the Law directs————

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January 1t 1798 The Selectmen appointed the several persons hereafter named Engine-men (Viz)

Israel Cook	James Simmons
Blake Sparhawk	Francis Spurr
Stephen Tuttle	James Learned
Elias Twiſs	Edward Simmons
Elisha Dana	Edmund Wellington
Saml Wellington Junr	Joseph Peirce
Abijah White	Lemuel Whitney
Joseph Ruſsell Junr	William Bond
Thomas Dana	Charles Warren

January 4th 1798 The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to Joseph Nixon in full of his Acct for building a School-house in the West-district——
$250,, 75

January 26th 1798 The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

	Doll^{s}
To Sanger & Sawyer, which (with what they have received) will be in full for finding Materials & building their part of a School-house of Brick in the Middle-district under-pinning excepted — — — — — — — — — — —	250,, —
To Aaron & Isaac Dana which (with what has been paid them) will be in full for finding Materials & doing the Carpenter work at said School-house — — — — — — — — — —	300,, —
	550,, —

January 27th 1798 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond, one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs (Viz) Such as pay to one Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a Poll Tax, to meet & aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth Day of February next, at three O'Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1^{t} To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2^{d} To know if the Town will choose Agents, to appear before the General Court, to make answer to a Petition from Waltham in respect to their being exempt from paying their proportionable part for the Support of the Great-bridge over Charles River in Watertown & act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting. Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the twenty seventh Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred & Ninety eight⸗

William Hunt
James Robbins
Moses White
Nathl R. Whitney } Selectmen for Watertown⸗

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 5th Day of February AD 1798 for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting; proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr Moderator———
It was voted to choose three Agents to appear before the General Court to answer to the Petition of the Town of Waltham respecting their being exempt from paying their proportion for the maintenance of the Bridge over Charles River in Watertown—

Voted & chose for said Committee— William Hunt Esqr, Amos Bond Esqr, Nath[l] R. Whitney

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on the 2d Day of March AD 1798 They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting———

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax beſides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twelfth Day of March Inſtant at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

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1t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Month of March, and April Annually———
3d To choose a Sexton, and agree how he ſhall be paid for his Services———
4th To determine whether Swine ſhall run at large the enſuing Year———

5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, or act any thing thereon——
6th To grant Money to support the poor————
7th To grant Money to support the Great-bridge————
8th To grant Money to repair the Highways, or act any thing thereon————
9th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts————
10th To hear the Accounts of those Persons the Town is indebted to, and act any thing thereon————
11th To hear the Reports of any Committees, and act any thing thereon————
12th To agree how the fishery shall be improv'd the ensuing Year, and act any thing thereon————
13th To know if the Town will accept of the Pew purchas'd by Hall & Williams & make Sale of any Pews in Watertown Meeting house, which have or may revert to the Town, & act any thing thereon————
14th To hear the request of Daniel & Samuel Coolidge in respect to their being annex'd to the Middle School-district———
15th To know if the Town will grant any Money for the encouragement of singing & act any thing thereon————

Also, You are alike required to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town the twelfth Day of March Instant, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer————

You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Mr Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Friday the ninth Day of March Instant, at four of the Clock PM. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meeting Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown this second Day of March, In the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Ninety eight—

William Hunt
James Robbins
Moses White
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the 9th Day of March AD 1798——They signed an Order on the Treas[r] directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz).

	Doll[s]	*Cts*
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Jon[a] Hammond Treas[r] for Waltham, Watertown's part of the Charge of Abigail Ball to the 20th of last June ———————————	32,,	96
To Ditto for Cash paid Nath[l] Weld for Selectmens Expences at said Meeting ———————	1,,	3
To Ditto for Cash paid Isaac Taylor in full for the support of his Wife's Child ———————	13,,	33
To Ditto for Cash paid Ephraim Davis for one half of the late Cap[t] Edward Harringtons Pew	5,,	60
To Ditto for Cash paid Francis Marshall in full for boarding Bez[l] Learned & Wife to the 1[t] of last May ———————————	15,,	66
To Ditto for Cash paid Nathan Tilton in full for keeping School in the West from 12th of last June one Month ———————————	33,,	33
To Ditto for Cash paid Sally Hunt in full for boarding Tabitha Learneds Child ———————	12,,	—
To Ditto for Cash paid David Rufsell in full for supporting Tabitha Learned & Child ———	7,,	—
To Ditto for Cash paid Francis Marshall in full for supporting Bez[l] Learned & Wife ½ Year from 1[t] of last May ———————————	15,,	—
To Ditto for paying Jon[a] Brown Esq[r] in full for a balance due as late Treasurer ———————	23,,	79
To Ditto for paying Cap[t] Daniel Jackson in full for repairing the Great bridge ———————	60,,	70
To Ditto for Cash paid Luda Harris in full of his Acc[t] ———————————	1,,	83
To Ditto for Cash paid Dorothy Coolidge, by Mary Stearn's Order in full for her Husband & Family's Support ———————————	25,,	—
To Ditto for paying William Bond in full of his Acc[t] for digging & stoning a Well &c. for the Alms house ———————————	231,,	67

To Ditto for paying Ditto in full of his Acc^{t} for a Guide post — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,, 50
To Abigail Goddard (including what you have paid her) in full for boarding Rachel Goddard on Year from the 5th of last April — — — — —	62,, 40
To Amos Bond Esqr in full for his Service as an Aſsefsor in '96 — — — — — — — — — — — —	18,, —
To Jonathan Stone in full for Ditto — — — —	18,, —
To Nathl R. Whitney in full for Ditto — — —	22,, —
To Ditto for his Service as Treas^{r} the same Year	40,, —
To the Selectmen for their Expences in 1796 —	16,, 66
To Samuel Babcock in full for teaching the Year past — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	40,, —
To Charles Bond in full for collecting State, County, & Town Taxes for the Year 1796 — —	144,, 75
To Nathl R. Whitney in full for keeping School in the Middle-district — — — — — — — — —	87,, 50
To Nathan Tilton in full for Ditto — — — —	79,, 16

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	Doll^{s} *C^{ts}*
To Walter Hunnewell in full of his Acc^{t} for Medicines & Attendance on the poor to 22^{d} of last Jan^{ry} — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9,, 60
To James Robbins in full of his Acc^{t} — — — —	6,, 8
To Francis Faulkner in full of his Acc^{t} — — —	6,, 90
To Capt Thomas Wellington in full of his Acc^{t}	13,, 25
To Aaron & Isaac Dana in full of their Acc^{t} —	10,, 96
To William Vinall Esqr in full for Plank for the Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	8,, 49
To Israel Cook in full for repairing the Great bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	18,, 45
To Doctor T. L. Jennison for Medicines & Attendance on John Stearns & Family — — — — —	4,, 55
To Doctor Marshall Spring in full of his Acc^{t} for Medicines & Attendance on the poor to 17th of last Jan^{ry} — — — — — — — — — — — — —	39,, 25

To Paul Learned in full of his Acc^{t} for his Service as Sexton & for Service at the Widow Deliverance Whitneys funeral — — — — — — —	23,, —
To William Hunt Esqr in full of his Acc^{t} — —	24,, 83
To Nathl R. Whitney in full of his Acc^{t} — — —	7,, 50
To Ditto for paying Walter Hunnewell in full of his Acc^{t} for Medicines & Attendance on the poor to the 4th of last December — — — — — —	13,, 33

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 12th Day of March AD 1798—for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator———

It was voted to adjourn to the Middle School house———

It was voted to reconsider the last Vote———

Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk; And he was sworn into said Office by Amos Bond Esqr———

Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Town Treaſurer—

Voted & chose for Selectmen
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Col. Moses Coolidge
- Capt Nathl Bemis
- Capt Joseph Bright
- Nathl R. Whitney—

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It was voted to choose only three Aſseſsors—

Voted & chose for Aſseſsors—
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Capt Nathl Bemis
- Jon^{a} Stone & was excus'd
- Leonard Bond—

Voted & chose for Constables—
- Daniel Cornwall
- Abijah Stone

It was voted that the Town Clerk in future annually make out a List of the eldest persons that have not serv'd as Constable———

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting till two of the Clock this Afternoon————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Brick School-house———And the Meeting was accordingly declar'd Adjourn'd————

In the Afternoon the Freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives aſsembled at the Brick School house——The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the Honb. Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] had forty seven Votes————

Then the Meeting was open'd by Adjournment from the Forenoon, & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose for Fence viewers	David Stone William Bond Leonard Bond
Voted & chose for Sealers of Leather	David Livermore Richard Sanger Benjamin Tainter
Voted & chose for Tythingmen	William Chenery John Cookson

It was voted to choose four Surveyors of Highways

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Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways	Edmund Fowle Charles Bond Peter Harrington Thomas Clark & was excus'd Jonathan Stone
Voted & chose for Howards⸗	Nath[l] Weld Joshua Coolidge
Voted & chose for Hogreeves⸗	Thomas Wellington William Chenery & was excus'd William Stone Eben[r] Swan Samuel Fowle
Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market	Daniel Jackson & was excus'd John George James Robbins

Voted & chose for Measurers of Wood
- Deacon Jedidiah Leathe
- Andrew Blackman
- Daniel Jackson & was excus'd
- Charles Bond
- Jon[a] Stone & was excus'd
- Thomas Patten

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Samuel Holt
- Joseph Jones

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber
- David Sanger
- Isaac Dana

Voted & chose for Firewards
- Francis Faulkner
- Nath[l] Weld
- John George
- John Fowle
- Chris[r] Grant

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It was voted to choose two other Selectmen————

Voted & chose Benjamin Tainter & Moses Warren Selectmen

It was voted to excuse Nath[l] R. Whitney from serving as a Selectman————

Voted & chose William Leathe Selectman————

It was voted to excuse William Leathe from serving as Selectman————

Voted & chose David Stone Selectman————

Amos Bond Esq[r] Col. Moses Coolidge, & Cap[t] Joseph Bright declined serving as Selectmen.————

It was voted to excuse Moses Warren from serving as Selectman————

It was voted to excuse Daniel Cornwall from serving as Constable————

It was voted to postpone the Choice of a Constable————

It was voted to choose a Committee to lease the fishery

Voted & chose for said Committee
- William Hunt Esq[r]
- James Robbins & was excus'd
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Nath[l] R. Whitney

It was also voted that the above Committee be directed to lease the Hay scales at Public Auction for the term of one Year, at Nath[l] Welds's House this Evening————

It was also voted that the above Committee, farm out the Collection of Taxes to the lowest bidder, at the House of Nath[l] Weld at seven O'Clock this Evening————

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney a Pound keeper————

It was voted to grant five hundred Dollars for the Support of Schools the ensuing Year————

It was voted that the Money be divided equally between the three School-districts & expended in the same way & manner as it was the last Year————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Public Meeting house——And the Meeting was accordingly declared Adjourn'd⸗

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At a Meeting of the Committee appointed to lease the Hay-scales & fishery & to farm out the Collection of Taxes, at the House of Nath[l] Weld on the Evening of the 12th of March AD 1798 The Hay scales were put up at Auction, for the term of One Year & struck of to Deacon Jedidiah Leathe for forty four Dollars————

The Improvement of the fishery in Watertown (below the old Mill-dam for the term of one Year, was put up at Auction, on the following Conditions (Viz)——The person or persons who shall improve the fishery, shall have the privilege of improving all the Seines that belong to the Town of Watertown; and shall not be intitled to have any Seines repaired or procured at the Expense of the Town, but at the Expense of the person or persons, who shall hire the fishery; And that ten ℔ Cent be paid as earnest Money, & the remainder on, or before the first Day of next September——And was struck of to Edmund Fowle for two hundred & thirty one Dollars————

And he paid twenty four Dollars as earnest Money————

The Collection of the East List of State, County & Town Taxes were put up to the lowest-bidder & struck of to

Charles Bond for /7 ¼ ℔ £————

The Collection of the West Ditto were put up, & struck to

Nath[l] Stone for /11 ½ ℔ £————

The Treasurer paid One Dollar & sixty three Cents for said Committee's Expences————

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices hereafter mentioned, to which they were chosen on this Day (Viz)⸗

William Bond & Leonard Bond Fence viewers————
Benjamin Tainter Sealer of Leather————
Nathaniel Weld Howard————
Thomas Wellington & Samuel Fowle Hogreeves————
John George & James Robbins Clerks of the Market
Deacon Jed^{h} Leathe & Charles Bond Measurers of Wood—
Samuel Holt Culler of Hoops & Staves————
Isaac Dana Surveyor of Timber————
Deacon Jedidiah Leathe Hay weigher————

March 19th 1798 David Stone was sworn into the Office, of Fence viewer——by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk———

March 23^{d} 1798 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)⸗

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown of twenty one Years of age, and upwards, having a Freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the Annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the second day of April next, at One of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators, and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting. Given under Our Hands & Seals at Watertown this twenty third Day of March, In the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Ninety eight⸗

William Hunt
James Robbins
Moses White
Nathl R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown

March 24th 1798 William Chenery was sworn into the Office of Tythingman, by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk————
Also Charles Bond was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways————

March 31st John Cookson was sworn into the Office of Tythingman by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk———

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the second Day of April AD 1798, by Adjournment from March Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to excuse Cap[t] Nath[l] Bemis from serving as a Selectman, upon his own desire———

It was voted to choose five Selectmen———

It was voted to choose a Committee to select a List of Candidates for Selectmen—

Voted & chose for said Committee	Messrs Samuel White Thomas Patten Samuel Soden Maj[r] Moses White M[r] Samuel Wellington Cap[t] Daniel Jackson Col. Chris[r] Grant

Voted & chose Daniel Cornwall Constable———

It was voted to excuse Richard Sanger from serving as Sealer of Leather———

Voted & chose Moses Warren a Sealer of Leather———

It was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to agree with a Sexton———

It was voted to postpone granting Money to support the poor until the Adjournment of this Meeting———

It was voted to grant thirty Dollars to repair the Great-bridge the ensuing Year———

It was voted that the Highway Tax be assess'd in the same way & manner as it was the last Year———

It was voted to allow one Dollar ℔ Day for a Man's Labor at Highways, & the same price for a good Team——

It was voted to choose a Committee to repair, or procure two Ploughs for Highways———

Voted & chose the Surveyors for said Committee, & that they be directed to lay their Accounts before the Selectmen for acceptance—

Voted & chose for a Committee to examine the Town Treas[r]'s Acc[ts]	Cap[t] Nath[l] Bemis & was excus'd Amos Bond Esq[r] Col. Chris[r] Grant Cap[t] John Fowle & was excus'd Cap[t] Luke Bemis & was excus'd M[r] Francis Faulkner—

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Then the Committee appointed to select a List of Candidates for Selectmen made report—

Voted & chose for Selectmen— William Hunt Esqr, Amos Bond Esqr, Col. Moses Coolidge, Nathl R. Whitney, Francis Faulkner—

It was voted to excuse Capt Nathl Bemis from serving as an Aſseſsor upon his own desire————

Voted & chose Francis Faulkner an Aſseſsor————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting until five of the Clock this Afternoon, at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared Adjourn'd—

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives, being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second Day of April AD 1798—for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors———

The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a Governor were called for, brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that His Excellency Increase Sumner Esqr had —— 84 Votes
For Lieut. Governor, His Honor Moses Gill Esqr had ———————————————— 84 Votes

For Senators & Counsellors—

Honb. Eleazer Brooks Esqr had	84	——
Honb. Eben^{r} Bridge Esqr had	84	——
Honb. Daniel Whitney Esqr had	65	——
Honb. Stephen Dana Esqr had	29	——
William Hull Esqr had —	29	——
Jonathan Hale Esqr had	21	——
Josiah Bartlet Esqr had	13	——
Honb. Timothy Biglow Esqr had	8	——
Aaron Hill Esqr had —	2	——

Then the Meeting was open'd by adjournment from this Afternoon, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Abijah Stone Constable————

Voted to grant Joseph Peirce & others in full of their Acc^{t} for the Herse ———————————*Doll^{s}* 61,, 16

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	Dollˢ	*Cᵗˢ*
Voted to grant Deacon Jedidiah Leathe in full of his Accᵗ for mending a Plough-share &c —	2,,	8
To Leathe & Spurr for repairing the Engine —	2,,	—
To Nathˡ R. Whitney for his Service as Treasʳ last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — —	40,,	—
To Ditto for his Service as an Aſſeſſor last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	25,,	50
To Ebenʳ Kent for Ditto — — — — — — —	21,,	—
To Francis Faulkner for Ditto — — — — —	19,,	50
To Leonard Bond for Ditto — — — — — —	9,,	—
To Nathˡ Bemis for Ditto — — — — — —	9,,	—
To Amos Bond Esqʳ for Ditto — — — — —	9,,	—
To Jonathan Stone for Ditto — — — — —	9,,	—
To Samuel White in full of his Accᵗ for Damages allow'd by the Court of Seſsions for Land & removing Wall to widen the Road on the Meeting house hill (so called) — — — —	22,,	50
To the Selectmen for their Expences — — —	16,,	66

It was voted that the Clerk be directed to call upon the old Land Committee (so called) to make report at May Meeting————

It was voted to accept of Hall & Williams's Pew, & pay them the prime cost of the same————
It was voted to sell said Pew at Public Auction, on next May Meeting Day————
It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to make sale of said Pew————
It was voted that the Committee appointed to have the Opinion of Mʳ Parsons & Dexter respecting the state of the Pews, be directed to have the Opinion of some other Gentlemen at the Bar————

It was voted to annex Samuel & Daniel Coolidge to the Middle School-district————

It was voted to grant forty Dollars for the encouragement of a Singing School the ensuing Year————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to May Meeting Day at four of the Clock in the Afternoon at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared Adjourn'd

Nath[l] R. Whitney, Leonard Bond & Francis Faulkner were sworn into the Office of Aſseſsors by Amos Bond Justice of the peace——Jonathan Stone was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Tuesday the 24th Day of April AD 1798, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town, being twenty one Years of age & upwards, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town, of the Annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of sixty Pounds, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon for the purpose of choosing one Representative to represent them at the General Court to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next—— Hereof fail not &c————

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings (Viz)—

Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house said Town on Monday the said seventh Day of May next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1[t] To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2[d] To know if the Town will sell their old School-house & act any thing thereon————

3[d] To know if the Town will erect a Building for purpose of keeping the Herse under cover————

4th To know if the Town will build a Barn, for the accommodation of the Alms house & act any thing thereon

5th To know if the Town will accept of the alteration of the road made by the Selectmen leading from the County road, by John Remington Esq[rs] Land to the Mill Creek—

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Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands and Seals at said Watertown the twenty fourth Day of April, In the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Ninety eight~

William Hunt
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown

Also the Selectmen agreed with Cap[t] Tho[s] Wellington to let him have the Improvement of the Alms house and the Land belonging to the Town of Watertown adjoining said House, and support Ruth Maddox, Samuel Jennison & Wife, & Mary Learned for the term of one Year, from the first Day of next May; And he is to be paid One hundred & six Dollars & sixty six Cents; And if any other person, or persons become poor & stand in need of relief, the said Wellington is to receive them into said House & support them, & he is to receive the same Sum in proportion for the number & the time they shall continue to be supported by him in said House————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at the House of Benjamin Bird Innholder in Waltham on the 30th Day of April AD 1798 They settled the Charge which had arisen for the Support of Abigail Ball & in full for Doctors Bills & for all Funeral Charges which Charge amounted to ———————— *Doll[s]* 88,, 95

Watertown's part is ————	46,, 28
Waltham's Ditto ————	42,, 67
	88,, 95

Watertown's part of the above Charge was paid to Jon[a] Hammond Treas[r] for Waltham by Nath[l] R. Whitney Treas[r] for Watertown————

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said

Town on Monday the 7th Day of May AD 1798 for the purpose of choosing One Representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant————
The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in, sorted & counted & it appear'd that Amos Bond Esqr was chosen————

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 7th Day of May 1798, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1t Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator————

2d It was voted to sell the old School house, at Public Auction, & have it remov'd of the Land whereon it stands within three Months————

It was voted that the Selectmen be empowered & directed to sell said School-house————

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to sell said School house, at Nath[l] Weld's House on the first Monday in June next————

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to build a House for to cover the Herse————

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to draw an Order on the Treasurer to pay for the same————

It was voted to build a Barn for the accommodation of the Alms house————

It was voted to build said Barn 20 feet by 16 & the posts be left discretionary with a Committee that shall be chosen

It was voted to choose a Committee to build said Barn——

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Voted & chose for said Committee
- Nath[l] Bemis & was excus'd
- Edmund Fowle
- Daniel Jackson

It was voted to reconsider the last Vote————
It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to build sd Barn

The Selectmen made the following report (Viz)

Whereas the Selectmen of the Town of Watertown on the third Day of November, In the Year of Our Lord seventeen hundred & Ninety four laid out a Town way or Road for the accommodation of Capt Daniel Jackson which Road so laid out measured six feet of Mr John Vinalls Land in front on the Country road and the remainder through Land of John Remington Esqr making in the whole seventeen feet and running back to the Road by the Mill Creek; and whereas said John Remington Esqr has sold to the Town of Watertown five feet of his other Land adjoining said Town way for the use of a Town way forever for the accommodation of said Jackson and Vinall, bounded Northerly on the County road in front there measuring five feet from the eleven feet laid out as aforesaid, and running to a point by the Town way, by the Mill Creek, and whereas John Vinall has sold one other piece of Land for the same purpose, measuring in front one foot from said Vinalls Store & running back Ninety feet to said Jacksons Land——We the Subscribers Selectmen of Watertown do hereby discontinue the whole of the Road laid out as aforesaid through Land of John Vinall Esqr except so much thereof as is contained in his Deed to said Town as aforesaid, and in lieu thereof do lay out the Lands contained in said two Deeds of John Remington & John Vinall Esqr and as the same have been paid no Damages are assess'd for the same————

April 24th 1798—

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Francis Faulkner
Nathl R. Whitney
} Selectmen of Watertown

It was voted to accept of the above report—

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 7th Day of May AD 1798 by adjournment from the 2^{d} Day of last April which Meeting was by adjournment from the 12th Day of last March proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to excuse Abijah Stone from serving as Constable, by his procuring Nathl Stone to serve in his stead————

Voted & chose Nathl Stone Constable————

Daniel Cornwall & Nath[l] Stone were sworn into the Office of Constable by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

It was voted to excuse Peter Harrington from serving a Surveyor of Highways————

Voted & chose Jonas White Jun[r] Surveyor of Highways——
It was voted to grant Amos Livermore & others a Committee to build the East School house, for underpinning

	Doll[s]	*C[ts]*
said House &c as ℔ Acc[t] — — — — — — — —	141,,	9
To Sanger & Sawyer & others as ℔ Acc[t] for underpinning the Middle School house &c —	239,,	11
To Peter Harrington & others as ℔ their Acc[t] for removing the West School-house — — —	475,,	47
To Daniel Whitney & others for removing the West School-house, & all others for the like Services that may be presented to the Committee for Allowance in the same proportion — —		
It was voted to grant the Committee to examine School-houses Accounts for their Services & expences — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,,	—
It was voted to accept the Report of the Committee to build the Alms house as you may see on file — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		
It was voted to grant said Committee's Expences — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10,,	—
It was voted to grant for the Support of the poor the ensuing Year — — — — — — — — —	200,,	—

It was voted to postpone the sale of the Pew owned by Hall & Williams to the first Monday in June next————

It was voted to difsolve this Meeting————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared difsolv'd—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 4th of June AD 1798, for the purpose of making Sale of the old School-house belonging to said Town of Watertown——And the Pew formerly Hall & Williams's————

And for letting the Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown——The Wharf was put up at Auction for the term of one Year, & struck of to Amos Bond Esqr for One Dollar & twenty five Cents————

The old School-house was put up at Auction, on Condition that the purchaser pay ten ℔ Cent as earnest Money & the remainder in sixty Days, & the School house is to be removed of the Land on which it stands within three Months, And was struck of to Edmund Fowle for thirty six Dollars—

The Pew formerly Hall & Williams's was put up at Auction, on Condition that the purchaser pay ten ℔ Cent down as earnest Money, and the remainder in thirty Days, And was struck of Doctor Marshall Spring for One hundred & thirty nine Dollars————

Edmund Fowle paid three Dollars earnest Money for the old School house————

Proposals for building a Barn at the Alms-house were received, & Moses Chenery agreed to build said Barn for One hundred & twenty four Dollars, & twenty five Cents— And he is to have two Dollars, & fifty Cents a perch for underpinning said Barn————

The Treasurer paid Nathl Weld for Selectmens Expences at said Meeting two Dollars & Eighty three Cents————

June 8th 1798 John Remington Esqr gave in a Certificate informing that on the 23^{d} Day of last March Charlotte Hannah came from Waltham to live with him————
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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives aſsembled at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 18th of June 1798, And Capt John Fowle & Mr Nathl Weld were drawn out of the Box to serve as Jurors at the Federal Court on the 4th Tuesday of June Instant————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 5th of August they agreed to perambulate Lines between the Towns of Cambridge & Waltham on the 27th Day of August Instant, beginning at Cambridge Line on Charles River, at nine of the Clock in the Forenoon; And on Waltham Line at the bounds between Cambridge & Waltham at two of the Clock in the Afternoon on said Day; and directed the Town Clerk to give the Selectmen of the Towns of Cambridge & Waltham seasonable Notice of the time & place of their Meeting which was accordingly done————

A Memorandum of the Bounds between Watertown & Cambridge as renewed by the Selectmen of said Towns on the twenty seventh Day of August AD 1798————

First, Beginning at Charles River on the West side of a Ditch at a Stake & heap of Stones, and secondly running by said Ditch to a Walnut-tree mark'd W. C. And thirdly to an Elm tree mark'd W. C. Fourthly through a Swamp over a ridge-hill to a Cherry-tree mark'd W. C. near the Gate between the Land of Moses Stone & Elbridge Gerry Esqr then turning West & running with the Wall & three lengths of fence to a Cedar-tree mark'd W. C. thence running to a Post & a heap of Stones mark'd W. C. then turning Northerly & running a strait Line to the Road to a Stake & heap of Stones mark'd W. C. in range of the Westerly end of Eben^{r} Wyeths House, then running Westerly to a Stake & heap of Stones, mark'd a Rail W. C. over the Stones; thence Northerly acroſs the Road to a Post

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Between the Land of Jonathan Bird & Eben^{r} Wyeth mark'd W. C. thence to a Post at the Upland acroſs the Meadow mark'd W. C. then running a strait Line to the Fresh-pond to an Elm-tree mark'd W. C. then running acroſs said Pond, to a Post in the fence between the Lands of the Heirs of Samuel Prentice, & the Heirs of Deacon Prentice mark'd W. C. thence through a Spruce-swamp to an Apple-tree mark'd W. C. near the North Corner of the Heirs of Samuel Prentice's Land, thence acroſs the Road as the fence now runs to a Post & heap of Stones mark'd W. C. on the Corner of Richard Richardsons Land, thence to a Stake & heap of Stones at the Northeast Corner of Joseph Brights Land; thence to a Maple-tree mark'd W. C. on the East Corner of William Stones Land, from thence running a Westerly Course to a large White-oak tree standing on the Line between Thomas & Peter Clarks Land, & Land of Jeduthun Wellington the said Tree mark'd W. C. thence running the same Course through said Wellingtons Land about Eight rods South of his House, & running up the Hill in Thomas & Peter Clarks Land to a Stake & heap of Stones mark'd W. C. and W. W. which is the Corner between Watertown & Waltham

Selectmen*
for
Watertown

Editorial note:—Names omitted in original script.

J. Wellington
Aaron Hill
Nath[l] Champney
Eben[r] Brown
John Walter
Eben[r] Stedman
} Selectmen for Cambridge

As you may see on file

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A Memorandum of the Bounds between Watertown & Waltham as renewed by the Selectmen of said Towns on the twenty seventh Day of August AD 1798

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 10th of September AD 1798 They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive Licence for Innholders & Retailers (Viz)

Jonathan Bird
Nath[l] Weld
John Stone
} Innholders

James Robbins
John Durant
John Fowle
John George
Moses White
Eben[r] Kent
Jer[h] Fowle
Artemas Murdock
Edward Loud
} Retailers

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives aſsembled at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 22[d] Day of October AD 1798, to appoint One Grand Juror & two Petit Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Cambridge on the last Tuesday of October Instant——And Benjamin Hastings was drawn out of the Box as a Grand Juror——And Luke Bemis & Jon[a] Stone as Petit Jurors————

The Selectmen appointed Joseph Jones a Searcher & Packer of barrelled Beef &c. And he was sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

Also, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Nathaniel Stone one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz) The male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the Annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of sixty Pounds to aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the fifth Day of November next, being the first Monday in said Month, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the second Middle-district——Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Dated at Watertown the twenty second Day of October, In the Year of Our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred & Ninety eight—

William Hunt
Moses Coolidge
Nathl R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown—

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 5th Day of November AD 1798, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the second Middle district————

The Selectmen presiding the Votes were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that The Honb. Eben^r^ Bridge Esqr had twenty one Votes—

Timothy Biglow Esqr had seventeen Votes————
Joseph B. Varnum Esqr had ten Votes————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld on the 8th of December 1798, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Daniel Cornwall one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventeenth Day of December Instant at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1[t] To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2[d] To hear the proposal, and request of the Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot for the redemption of the Estate in Needham owned by him & M[r] Ebenezer Bowman, to enable him to discharge his Debt to M[r] Seth Bemis, and act any thing thereon——

Hereof fail not, & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seals, Dated at Watertown this Eighth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand seven hundred & Ninety eight⸗

William Hunt
Nath[l] R. Whitney } Selectmen for Watertown
Francis Faulkner

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 17th Day of December AD 1798, for the purpose of transacting the Buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

Voted & chose William Hunt Esq[r] Moderator————

It was voted to choose a Committee to go & view the Land in Needham as expreſsed in the Petition, & make an esti-

mate of the Wood & Land, & see the Gentlemen to whom the Money is due, & confer with them & see on what terms of payment they will agree, & make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Mr Amos Livermore
- Col. Chisr Grant
- Mr Adam Brown
- Mr Francis Faulkner
- Mr James Robbins & was excus'd
- Mr Thomas Clark—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting, at this place, on this Day fortnight at three of the Clock in the Afternoon—And the Meeting was accordingly declared Adjourn'd—

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 31t Day of December AD 1798, by Adjournment from the 17th Day of December Instant proceeded as follows (Viz)———The Committee appointed to view the Land in Needham made report———As you may see on file—

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It was put to Vote to know if the Town will accept of the proposal of the Revd Richard R. Eliot to take the Land in Needham belonging to him & Ebenezer Bowman, & pay his several Debts as far as the Land will pay for——And the Vote paſs'd in the Negative————

It was put to Vote to know if the Town will act any thing further on this Article——And it paſs'd in the Negative——

It was voted to reconsider the last Vote so far as that the Selectmen be directed to hear the request of the Revd Richard R. Eliot, & see if any means can be devis'd for his relief & make report to the Town at next March Meeting—

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 7th Day of January AD 1799 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Doll^{s} *C*^{ts}
To Col. Moses Coolidge & others a Committee for the East School said District's proportion of Money for the Year 1798 — — — — — — —	166,, 66
To Patty Goddard in full of her Acc^{t} for supporting Nabby Coolidge to the 19th of last December — — — — — — — — — — —	34,, 58
To Aaron & Isaac Dana in full of their Acc^{t} for repairs at Treadeways Bridge — — — —	2,, 67
To William Hunt Esqr as ℔ Bill from the Clerk of the Court for Costs concerning the Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — —	27,, 14
To Stephen Cook for repairs at the Waste bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 25
To Amos Livermore & others for Services at the East School house — — — — — — — —	142,, 87

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At the Meeting aforementioned the Selectmen appointed the following persons Engine men (Viz)

Blake Sparhawk	Joseph Mead
Lemuel Whitney	Nathl Weld Junr
Elias Twiſs	Israel Cook
Joseph Ruſsell Junr	Charles Warren
Joseph Peirce	Edward Simmons
James Learned	Abijah White
Edmund Wellington	James Simmons
Francis Spurr	Elisha Dana
George Feſsenden	Moses White Junr

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the 22^{d} Day of February AD 1799, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town Meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Nathaniel Stone one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings (Viz)——Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to

meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth Day of March next, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2d To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March & April Annually————

3d To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his Services————

4th To determine whether Swine shall run at large the ensuing Year————

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5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, or act any thing thereon——

6th To grant Money to support the poor————

7th To grant Money to support the Great-bridge————

8th To grant Money to repair the Highways, or act any thing thereon————

9th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts————

10th To hear the Accounts of those Persons, the Town is indebted to, and act any thing thereon————

11th To hear the Reports of any Committees, and act any thing thereon————

12th To agree how the Fishery shall be improv'd the ensuing Year, and act any thing thereon————

13th To know if the Town will straiten the Road on Land of Aaron & Isaac Dana, adjoining Treadeways Bridge (so called) & act any thing thereon————

14th To know if the Town will direct their Treasurer to pay to the several persons the several Sums which they were aſseſs'd for Dogs the last Year, & act any thing thereon——

15th To know if the Town will hear the request of John Stearns & act any thing thereon————

16th To know if the Town will procure twelve Buckets for the Engine, & act any thing thereon————

17th To know if the Town will grant any Money for the encouragement of a Singing-school, & act any thing thereon—

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the

fourth Day of March next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer—— You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Friday the first Day of March next, at four of the Clock PM. Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon, to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown this twenty second Day of February, In the Year of Our Lord, One thousand seven hundred & Ninety nine—

William Hunt
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 25th Day of February AD 1799, They settled & adjusted the Accounts of the Charge that had arisen for the repairs of the Great-bridge over Charles River in Watertown for the Years 1797 & 1798——which

	Doll[s]	*C[ts]*
Charge amounted to — — — — — — — — —	70,,	7
Watertown's part is — — — — — — —	24,,	90
Weston's Ditto — — — — — — — —	22,,	24
Waltham's Ditto — — — — — — — —	22,,	93
	70,,	7

Weston, & Waltham's part of said Charge was paid to Nath[l] R. Whitney Treas[r] for Watertown——And he paid two Dollars & twenty eight Cents for Selectmens Expence at said Meeting————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the first Day of March AD 1799——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Abigail Goddard for boarding Rachel Goddard from the 5th of last $1,,20 ℔ Week

To Nath[l] R. Whitney for paying Catharine Marshall for supporting Bez[l] Learned & Wife	30,, —
To Ditto for paying for Nabby Coolidges Support to 11th of January 1798 — — — —	11,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Jon[a] Hammond Treas[r] for Waltham in full for the Charge of Abigail Ball — — — — — — — — — — —	46,, 28
To Ditto for Cash paid for Nabby Coolidges Support to the 12th of last April — — — —	10,, 84
To Ditto for Cash paid Nath[l] Weld for Select-mens Expence in settling the Charge of the Great-bridge — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 28
To Israel Cook in full for repairs of Ditto —	30,, 10
To Luke Bemis in full for Plank for Ditto —	8,, 33
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for carting Plank from Boston for Ditto — — — — — — — — — —	2,, —
To Moses Chenery (including what has been paid him) in full for building a Barn at the Alms house, & House for the Herse — — —	180,, —

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To Aaron Davis in full for Shoes for Ruth Maddox & Benjamin Whitney — — — — —	3,, —
To Stephen Cook in full for repairs at the Waste bridge — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 25
To Ralph French in full for keeping School in the West-district — — — — — — — — — —	45,, 83
To William Hunt Esq[r] by Samuel Babcocks Order in full for keeping a Singing-school the Year past — — — — — — — — — — —	40,, —
To Jedidiah Leathe in full of his Acc[t] — — —	2,, 8
To Leathe & Spurr for repairing the Engine —	2,, —
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for Service as Treas[r] in 1797 — — — — — — — — — —	40,, —
To Ditto for Service as an Aſſeſſor in 1797 —	25,, 50
To Eben[r] Kent for Ditto in 1797 — — — —	21,, —

To Francis Faulkner for Ditto in 1797 — —	19,, 50
To Leonard Bond for Ditto——in 1797 — —	9,, —
To Nath[l] Bemis for Ditto——in 1797 — —	9,, —
To Amos Bond Esq[r] for Ditto——in 1797 —	9,, —
To Jonathan Stone for Ditto——in 1797 —	9,, —
To Samuel White in full of his Acc[t] for removing his Wall to widen the Road over the Meeting house hill — — — — — — — — — —	22,, 50
To the Selectmen for their Expences in 1797	16,, 66
To Amos Livermore & others for Services at the East School house — — — — — — — —	141,, 9
To Sanger & Sawyer & others for underpinning the Middle School-house — — — — —	239,, 11
To Peter Harrington & others for removing the West School-house — — — — — — — —	475,, 47
To the Committee to examine School houses Accounts — — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,, —
To the Committee to build the Alms house —	10,, —
To Walter Hunnewell in full of his Acc[t] for Medicines & Attendance on the poor to this Day — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	8,, 75
To John Fowle in full for Articles of Cloathing delivered the poor — — — — — — — —	16,, 61
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Benj[a] Bird for Selectmens Expences in settling the Charge of Abigail Ball on the 30th of last April	1,, 25
To Jedidiah Leathe in full for repairing Hay scales — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	11,, 75

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 4th Day of March 1799 to appoint a Petit Juror to serve at the Court of Common pleas & Gen[l] Sessions of the peace to be holden at Concord on the 18th Day of March Instant— And Francis Spurr was drawn out of the Box as the Law directs————

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 4th Day of March AD 1799, to transact the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator————

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk, And he was sworn into said Office by Amos Bond Esqr————

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treaſurer

Voted & chose for Selectmen	William Hunt Esqr Amos Bond Esqr Col. Moses Coolidge Nath[l] R. Whitney Francis Faulkner
Voted & chose for Aſseſsors	Nath[l] R. Whitney Leonard Bond Francis Faulkner
Voted & chose for Constables	James Robbins Jonas Bond & was excus'd Jonathan Bird
Voted & chose for Fence viewers	Jonas Bond Charles Bond Peter Harrington

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Voted & chose for Sealers of Leather	David Livermore Richard Sanger
Voted & chose for Tythingmen	Josiah Mixer Charles Bond
Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highway	Adam Brown Josiah Mixer Amos Livermore Junr Col. Moses Coolidge
Voted & chose for Howards	Nath[l] Bemis & was excus'd William Stone Levi Morse

Voted & chose for Hogreeves ⸗
- Solomon Chenery
- Elias Bond
- William Chenery
- Sam[l] Harrington
- Nath[l] Bright
- Hubbard Ruſsell
- William Stone
- William Winchester

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market
- John George
- Isaac Patten
- Nath[l] R. Whitney

Voted & chose for Measurers of Wood
- Jedidiah Leathe
- Andrew Blackman
- Artemas Murdock
- John George

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Samuel Holt
- Joseph Jones

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber
- David Sanger
- Isaac Dana

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Voted & chose for Fire-wards ⸗
- Francis Faulkner
- Nath[l] Weld
- John George
- John Fowle
- Christopher Grant
- Nath[l] Bemis
- Moses Coolidge ⸗

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to two of the Clock this Afternoon at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd ⸗

In the Afternoon the Freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified by Law to Vote in the Choice of Representatives regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house————

The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in, sorted & counted,

And the Honb. Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] had 64 Votes
And Francis Faulkner had One Vote ⸗

Then the Meeting was opend by Adjournment from the Forenoon, & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to reconsider the Vote for appointing

It was voted that the Town are of Opinion that it is neceſsary to have Measurers of Wood appointed————

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to agree with a Sexton, & make Allowance for his Services————

It was voted that Swine shall not run at large the ensuing Year————

It was voted to grant five hundred Dollars for the Support of Schools the ensuing Year————

It was voted to divide the Money equally between the three Schools, & that it be paid to a Committee that shall be chosen by each District————

It was voted to refer granting Money for Support of the poor to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

It was voted to postpone granting Money for repairs of the Great-bridge to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

It was voted the Highway Tax be aſseſs'd in the same manner that it was the last Year————

It was voted to allow one Dollar ℔ Day for a Man's Labor at Highways, & the same price for a good Team————

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It was voted that the old Surveyors of Highways be directed to call upon those who have been deficient in working out their Highway Tax, and that they be directed to call upon each of them to work out the same, & if they are not work'd out by the first Day of next May, the Aſseſsors are directed to put their several Sums in separate Columns in the next Town Tax————

It was voted that the Aſseſsors be directed to call upon the old Surveyors to make return of their Lists of Highway Taxes on the first Day of next May, so those that are deficient may be aſseſs'd in the Town Tax—

Voted & chose for a Committee to examine the Town Treas$^{r's}$ Acc^{ts}

- Amos Bond Esqr
- Nathl Bemis & was excus'd
- Thomas Clark
- Moses Coolidge & was excus'd
- Elisha Livermore

It was voted to grant for Selectmens Expences last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 16,, 66

To Nath[l] R. Whitney for his Service as Treas[r] last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 40,, —

To Ditto for his Service as an Aſseſsor last Year 21,, —

To Francis Faulkner for Ditto — — — — — — — 21,, —

To Leonard Bond for Ditto — — — — — — — — 21,, —

It was voted to choose one person to join with the Committee appointed to obtain an Opinion respecting the state of the Pews—Voted & chose W[m] Hunt Esq[r]
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Pound keeper————
It was Voted to postpone the Article respecting the fishery to the Adjournment of this Meeting————
It was voted to choose a Committee to view the Road near Treadeways Bridge (so called) and advise on what terms they can procure the Land if they judge it neceſsary & make report at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee—
- Moses Coolidge
- Francis Faulkner
- Christopher Grant
- Luke Bemis
- William Hunt Esq[r]
- Thomas Clark
- Amos Livermore

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It was voted that the aforementioned Committee be directed to view the gap between Treadeways-bridge & the new Bridge built by Eben[r] Bowman & others, & see if they judge it neceſsary to have the gap fill'd up, & make report at the Adjournment of this Meeting————
It was voted to pay John Stearns fifty Dollars provided his Children will give Bonds to endemnify the Town from any Expence that shall ever arise for his Support————
It was voted to choose a Committee to procure twelve Buckets for the Engine—

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Nath[l] Bemis
- Elisha Livermore
- Moses Coolidge

It was voted to grant forty Dollars to support a Singing-school the ensuing Year————
It was voted to choose a Committee to appropriate the Money granted for a Singing-school—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Charles Bond, Nath[l] Bright, Elisha Livermore

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Nath[l] Weld's House at six of the Clock this Evening———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd———

In the Evening the Meeting was open'd at the House of Nath[l] Weld by Adjournment from the Meeting house & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

The Committee appointed to view the Road near Treadeways Bridge made a verbal report——And it was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to make an alteration in the Road on Land of Aaron & Isaac Dana adjoining Treadeways Bridge, & that they have a right to agree with the said Dana's to shorten the Road, to throw out some of said Dana's Land & take in some of the Road if it can be spar'd, & for as much Land as they throw out more than they take in, they are directed to draw an Order on the Treas[r] to pay said Dana's at the same proportion as they gave for said Land———

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It was voted to farm out the Collection of Taxes to the lowest bidder on the following Conditions (Viz)—

The person or persons who shall collect the Taxes shall be oblig'd to complete the Collection of all Taxes committed to him or them to collect, & make a settlement with the Treasurers within one Year from receiving the Tax-bills, & on failure shall not be entitled to any Premium for collecting———

The East List of State, County & Town Taxes were put up & struck of to Samuel Coolidge for /7[d] on the pound———

The West List of Ditto were put up & struck of to Phin[s] B. Hovey for /8 ¾[d] on the pound—

Voted & chose for Collectors of Taxes { Samuel Coolidge, Phin[s] B. Hovey

It was voted to excuse James Robbins from serving as Constable he having agreed with Daniel Cornwall to serve in his stead———

Voted & chose Daniel Cornwall Constable, & he was sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————
It was voted to excuse Jonathan Bird from serving as Constable, he having agreed with Charles Bond to serve in his stead————
Voted & chose Charles Bond Constable, & he was sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————
The Hay scales were put up at Auction for the term of One Year, & was struck of to Aaron Dana for forty one Dollars—
It was voted to excuse Charles Bond from serving as Tythingman————
Voted & chose Jonathan Stone Tythingman————
It was voted to excuse Jon[a] Stone from serving as Tythingman————
Voted & chose William Stone Tythingman————
It was voted to excuse William Stone from serving as Tythingman————
Voted & chose Moses Coolidge Tythingman & he was excus'd————
Voted & chose Jedidiah Leathe Tythingman & he was excus'd————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Public Meeting house————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen on this Day (Viz)

Nath[l] R. Whitney, Leonard Bond & Francis Faulkner Aſſeſsors by Amos Bond Esq[r]
Jonas Bond, Charles Bond & Peter Harrington Fence viewers
Adam Brown, Josiah Mixer, Amos Livermore Jun[r] & Moses Coolidge Surveyors of Highways————
William Stone Howard——& Hogreeve————
Isaac Dana Surveyor of Timber————

March 14th 1799 William Winchester was sworn into the Office of Hogreeve

March 18th 1799 Sam[l] Harrington was sworn into the same Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk

March 22[d] 1799 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Daniel Cornwall one of the Conſtables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Eſtate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Eſtate to the value of sixty Pounds to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first Day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators, and Counsellors, agreeable to the Conſtitution of said Commonwealth——Hereof fail not &c

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs to meet & aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the first Day of April next at four of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1[t] To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2[d] To know if the Town will build or procure a convenient place to deposit the Town's Powder & act any thing thereon————
3[d] To know if the Town will procure one fire hook & act any thing thereon————

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Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under Our Hands & Seals at Watertown this twenty second Day of March, In the Year of Our Lord One thousand, seven hundred & Ninety-nine—

Amos Bond
Nath[l] R. Whitney } Selectmen
Francis Faulkner } for Watertown

March 28th 1799 Levi Morse was sworn into the Office of Howard by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Conſtitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor Senators & Counsellors regularly aſsembled at

the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first Day of April 1799——The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a Governor were called for brought in sorted and counted and it appeared that

His Excellency Increase Sumner Esqr had — — 85 Votes
The Honb. William Heath Esqr had — — — — 1 Vote

For Lieutenant Governor, His Honor Moses Gill Esqr had — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 86 Votes

For Senators & Counsellors

Honb. Eleazer Brooks Esqr had — 78 Votes
Eben^{r} Bridge Esqr had — 79 Votes
Daniel Whitney Esqr had 64 Votes
Josiah Bartlet Esqr had — 76 Votes
Timothy Biglow Esqr had 8 Votes
William Hull Esqr had — 9 Votes
William Winthrop Esqr had 4 Votes
Henry Wood Esqr had — 3 Votes
Jonathan Maynard Esqr had 3 Votes
William Hildreth had — — 2 Votes

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first Day of April AD 1799, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1^{t} Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator————

2^{d} It was voted to choose a Committee to look out some suitable place to build a small Brick-building for a depository for the Town's Powder, & the Expence the same will amount to, & make report of the same to the Town at next May Meeting.—

Voted & chose for said Committee

Messrs^{rs} Daniel Sawin & was excus'd—
Edmund Fowle
Amos Livermore & was excus'd
Daniel Sanger
Francis Faulkner—

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to get the Fire-hooks repaired————

Then the other Meeting was open'd by adjournment from March Meeting, proceeded as follows————

The Petition of the Revd Richard R. Eliot was read; And it was voted to dismiſs it, & not to grant any thing for his relief————

It was voted that the Selectmen be empowered to permit Stephen Cook to work out as much of his Highway Taxes as they may judge neceſsary on the road which is soon to be open'd near his House————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in May next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at this place————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on the 15th of April AD 1799 They agreed with Capt Thos Wellington to support all the poor the ensuing Year that the Town now have in the Almshouse, & improve said House as usual & he is to have £10 each ℔ Year, & take the risque of their Circumstances, & take all others that may become poor for the same Sum, provided they are in as good Circumstances as the others, & be paid for the time they continue in said House in the same proportion————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 22^{d} of April They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting—(Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town, being twenty one Years of age & upwards and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town, of the Annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of sixty Pounds, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the sixth Day of May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon for the purpose of choosing One Representative, to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next——Hereof fail not &c————

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings (Viz)——Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet an aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the said sixth Day of May next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

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1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To know if the Town will make the Revd Richard R. Eliot a grant, & act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands & Seals at said Watertown, the twenty second Day of April, In the Year of Our Lord, one thousand seven hundred & Ninety nine—

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown

May 2d 1799 Solomon Chenery was sworn into the Office of Hogreeve by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 6th Day of May AD 1799 for the purpose of choosing One Representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next———

The Selectmen presiding, the Votes for a Representative were called for brought in sorted & counted & it appear'd that Amos Bond Esqr was chosen————

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 6th Day of May AD 1799 for transacting the buſineſs as

set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz) 1^{t} Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator

2^{d} It was voted to dismiſs the second Article————

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 6th Day of May 1799——by adjournment from March Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to grant 400 Dollars to support the poor the ensuing Year————

It was voted to grant 60 Dollars to repair the Great-bridge the ensuing Year————

It was voted to grant to the several Proprietors adjoining the Road over the Meeting house hill (so called) as laid out & established by the Court of Seſsions, and that the Money be aſseſsd in the next Town Tax, & that whenever any of the said persons shall open the Road on their Land they shall be entitled to receive the several Sums specified in the Order of said Court————

It was voted to grant Sanger & Sawyer £2,, 18,, 6 in addition to their Acc^{t} allow'd for underpinning the Middle School-house————

It was voted to grant Daniel Sanger in full of his Acc^{t} for Services at the Middle School-house————

Voted & chose James Robbins Hogreeve————

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

Then the Meeting was open'd by adjournment from April Meeting———

And the Committee appointed to ascertain a place to build a Powder-house & the Expence the same will amount to, made report, as you may see on file
And it was voted to be dismiſs'd—

June 8th 1799 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)—

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs (Viz)——

Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventeenth Day of June Instant, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1^t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2^d To know if the Town will grant to Edmund Fowle, & others their right to the Fishery in Charles River, and Land above and below the Bridge, on Condition that they will give Bonds to rebuild, widen & repair the Bridge over said River, & keep the same in good repair forever, & act any thing thereon————

3^d To know if the Town will repair the Ministerial Woodhouse, & act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting.——Given under our Hands & Seals, dated at Watertown the Eighth Day of June One thousand seven hundred & Ninety nine

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Nathl R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 17th Day of June AD 1799, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)

1^t Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr Moderator————

2d It was voted to choose a Committee that shall have full power to grant to Edmund Fowle & others their right in the fishery in Watertown, & two hundred feet of Land above, & below the Bridge, & to agree with Waltham & Weston respecting the same, & respecting the fishery & act any thing thereon—

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Col. Moses Coolidge
- Col. Chisr Grant
- Mr Thomas Clark
- Capt Nathl Bemis
- Mr Francis Faulkner—

It was voted to choose a Committee to make such repairs to the Ministerial Wood house as they shall judge neceſsary, & lay their Account before the Selectmen, & they draw an Order on the Treasurer to pay the same—

Voted & chose for said Committee—
- Col. Moses Coolidge
- Capt Luke Bemis
- Capt Benja Hastings

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the first Day of July AD 1799 It was agreed to have a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham on Monday the 8th Day of July Instant, to examine the Great-bridge, & see what repairs are neceſsary, & direct the Town Clerk to give Notice of the Meeting, which was accordingly done—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown & Waltham at the House of Nathl Weld on Monday the 8th Day of July AD 1799, to examine & see what repairs are neceſsary for the Great-bridge over Charles River in Watertown, (the Selectmen of Weston not being present) It was agreed that the Selectmen of Watertown shall make such repairs to the Bridge as they may find it neceſsary————

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Watertown & Newton having this Day met to perambulate, and settle the Lines between the said Town's, have mutually agreed to the same, beginning at a Stone in Land of Moses White, marked W. N. by Charles River, and running the Courses as particularly deleniated in the within plan, and the same plan or a Copy thereof is to be affixed to the Town Records, and the Bounds as stated in the within plan is forever

hereafter to be considered as the boundary Lines between said Towns——In Testimony whereof We have hereunto interchangeably set our Names this second Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred & Ninety nine.

Tim° Jackson
Moses Stone } Selectmen for Newton
Elisha Hyde

William Hunt
Nath[l] R. Whitney } Selectmen for Watertown
Francis Faulkner

The Selectmen approbated the persons hereafter named to receive Licence for Innholders & Retailers (Viz).

Jon[a] Bird, Nath[l] Weld & Sam[l] Wellington Innholders—— James Robbins, John Durant, John Fowle, John George, Moses White, Eben[r] Kent, Jer[h] Fowle, Artemas Murdock & Edward Lowd Retailers.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld on the 16th of September AD 1799 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annexed their Names, for Materials & Services in repairing the Great-bridge———

To	William Vinall for 1740 ft. of Plank @ $,,36 —	62,, 64
	Ditto for————89 ft. refuse Ditto @ $,,18 —	1,, 60
	Benj[a] White for surveying Ditto — — — — — — —	1,, 60
	Coolidge & Sanger for boating Ditto — — — —	7,, 32
	Ensworth & Trowbridge for 28 ½ Days Labor @7/	33,, 25
	To David Sanger — — — — — — — — — — —	5,, 33
	Aaron & Isaac Dana — — — — — — — — — —	11,, 75
	Samuel Nutting — — — — — — — — — — —	11,, 33
	Stephen Harris Jun[r] — — — — — — — — —	11,, 8
	Shubael Smith — — — — — — — — — — —	9,, 92
	Jedidiah Leathe — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, —
	Artemas Murdock — — — — — — — — — —	10,, —
	Israel Cook — — — — — — — — — — — —	31,, 36
	Tho[s] Prentice — — — — — — — — — — —	,, 75
	Nathan Munrow — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 25
	Abr[a] Whitney — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, —
	Moses Whitney — — — — — — — — — — —	,, 75
	Nath[l] Weld — — — — — — — — — — — —	15,, 75

Francis Faulkner	19,, —
Isaac Patten	2,, 67
William Fuller for 8 sticks Timber @ $14	112,, —
Nath[l] R. Whitney	4,, 60
	$355,, 95

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives aſsembled at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town, on the 7th of October AD 1799 to appoint One Grand Juror & two Petit Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Cambridge on the 29th Day of October Instant Cap[t] John George was drawn out of the Box, as a Grand-Juror, & Meſs[rs] Adam Brown & Nath[l] Weld as Petit Jurors to serve at said Court—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives aſsembled at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Tuesday the 29th Day of October AD 1799, to appoint three Petit Jurors to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court, now holden at Cambridge, And Meſs[rs] John Vinall, Nath[l] Bemis & William Chenery were drawn out of the Box, as the Law directs to serve as Petit Jurors at said Court———

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives aſsembled at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 11th of November AD 1799 to appoint two Petit Jurors to serve at the Court of Common pleas & General Seſsions of the peace to be holden at Cambridge on the 19th Day of November Instant——And Edward Lowd & James Simmons were drawn out of the Box as the Law directs, to serve as Petit Jurors at said Court—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 6th Day of January AD 1800———

They appointed the following persons Engine-men for the ensuing Year (Viz)—

Joseph Peirce	James Learned
Abijah White	Israel Cook
Elias Twiſs	George Feſsenden
Joseph Mead	John Tucker
Edmund Wellington	John Stimpson Junr
Moses White Junr	Josiah Robbins
Blake Sparhawk	Daniel Sanger
Elisha Dana	Aaron Dana
Nathl Weld Junr	Nathl R. Whitney Junr

January 11th 1800 There was a Petition presented to the Selectmen for a Town-meeting, And the Selectmen met at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on the Evening of the said 11th Day, & iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting——(Viz)—

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the twentieth Day of January Instant, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following articles (Viz)

1^{t} To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2^{d} To know if the Town will do any thing relative to supporting the Great-bridge over Charles River in Watertown (so called) and regulating the fishery within the Limits of said Town & act any thing there on————

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the eleventh Day of January, One thousand eight hundred—

William Hunt
Nathl R. Whitney } Selectmen
Francis Faulkner } for Watertown

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to

vote in Town-affairs regularly afsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 20th Day of January AD 1800 for transacting the businefs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1t Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator————

2d It was voted to appoint a Committee to make serious enquiry into the Constitutionality of the Act empowering Weston & Waltham to lease the fishery in Watertown———

It was voted to reconsider the last Vote————

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The Agents who have agreed to take the exclusive right of the whole fishery in Watertown, and widen and rebuild the Great-bridge in Watertown, and keep the same in repair forever, together with the grant of Land above & below the Bridge, propose to relinquish their right to said grant provided the Town of Watertown will take upon themselves the same privileges and build the Bridge & widen the same as proposed by the Agents and endemnify the Agents from any Expense they may have incurred in consequence of any agreement with Weston & Waltham, and shall carry their said agreement with said Towns into full Effect, as the said Agents had agreed to——Whereupon the Town accepted said relinquishment, and voted to take upon themselves the widening & maintenance of the Great-bridge in Watertown, and to carry the agreements that the said Agents or Contractors had made with the Towns of Weston & Waltham into Effect, provided the General Court will grant, and establish to them the exclusive right of regulating and taking the fish in the River in Watertown forever————

It was voted to choose a Committee to afsist their Representative in applying to the General Court for a grant, for the purpose above mentioned—

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Col. Moses Coolidge
- Col. Chrisr Grant
- Mr Thomas Clark
- Capt Nathl Bemis
- Mr Francis Faulkner—

It was voted to difsolve this Meeting————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 20th Day of January AD 1800——They appointed the following persons Engine-men for the ensuing Year (Viz)

Artemas Murdock, Aaron Sanger & Levi Page instead of Elisha Dana, James Learned, & Israel Cook who declined serving————

February 24th AD 1800 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

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Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the tenth Day of March next, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1[t] To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2[d] To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March & April annually————

3[d] To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his Services————

4th To determine whether Swine, shall run at large the ensuing Year————

5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, and act any thing thereon—

6th To grant Money to support the poor————

7th To grant Money to support the Great-bridge & act any thing thereon————

8th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon————

9th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts————

10th To hear the Accounts of those persons, the Town is indebted, to and act any thing thereon————

11th To hear the Reports of any Committees, and act any thing thereon————

12th To agree how the fishery shall be improv'd the ensuing Year, and act any thing thereon————

13th To know what the Town will do respecting their Claim to Land lying in the Towns of Waltham & Lincoln————

Also, You are alike required to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the tenth Day of March next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer————

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You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Friday the seventh Day of March next, at four of the Clock PM.

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon, to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the twenty fourth Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred—

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Francis Faulkner
} Selectmen for Watertown

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the 7th Day of March 1800 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Nath[l] R. Whitney for paying Col. Moses Coolidge in full of his Acc[t] for Plough-irons in 1798 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 10,, 50

To Ditto for paying Jonas Wood by Elijah Tolman's Order for supporting the Child of Lucy Daniels from 4th of May to 4th of August 13 Weeks @ 50 Cents ℔ Week — — — — — — 6,, 50

To Ditto for paying Elijah Tolman for supporting Ditto from 4th of Augt to 16th November —	7,, 50
To Ditto for paying Elijah Kingsberry for a Load of Wood deld Wm Popenberry — — — —	2,, —
To Ditto for Ditto — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 4
To Ditto for Cash paid Nathl Weld for Selectmens Expences in letting Hay scales &c. on 4th of last March — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,, 50
To Ditto for Cash paid Willard Loker for a Load of Wood deld William Popenberry on the 9th of last March — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 25
To Ditto for Cash paid Edmund Fowle in full of Nathan Tilton's Acct for keeping School in the Middle district — — — — — — — — — — —	83,, 33
To Ditto for Cash paid Edmund Fowle for Cost on Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Saml Dexter Junr for his Opinion respecting the state of the Pews —	10,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Francis Faulkner for paying Deacon John Sanderson for attending the Supreme Court — — — — — — — — —	1,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Col. Moses Coolidge to procure six pair of Buckets for the Engine — —	20,, —

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To Ditto for paying Charles Bond for Wood delivered the West School — — — — — — —	6,, 66
To Ditto for paying Thaddeus Cole for painting three Guide posts — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 50
To Ditto for Cash paid John Vinall in full of his Acct — — — — — — — — — — — — —	,, 62
To Ditto for Cash paid on Jacob Farrars Bond	20,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Catharine Hunt for sundry Articles of Cloathing deld Mary Learned last September — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 67
To Ditto for Cash paid Ditto for Ditto on 1t of last October — — — — — — — — — — —	,, 55

To Ditto for Cash paid Norman Clark in full of Doctor Aaron Wights Acct for attending Amasa Whitney — — — — — — — — — — — —	11,, —
To Ditto for paying Thads Cole for Service at the Middle School house, & for painting twelve Buckets — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	11,, 21
To Ditto for paying Saml Burridges Acct for supporting the Child of Daniel Waters — — —	8,, 75
To Ditto for paying Benja Hastings for repairing the Ministerial Wood-house — — — — — — —	41,, 75
To Ditto for paying John Fowle for Cloathing deld the poor — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, 29
To Ditto for paying Nathl Bemis for making & painting seven Fireward Staves — — — — —	2,, 92
To Ditto for paying Nathl Weld for Selectmens Expences in 1798 — — — — — — — — — — —	16,, 66
To Ditto for paying Isaac Patten by Ralph French's Order in full for keeping School in the West-district — — — — — — — — — — —	116,, 68
To Ditto for paying Amos Bond Esqr for Supplies deld the poor — — — — — — — — — — —	22,, 53
To Ditto for Cash paid Moses Warren in full of his Acct — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 25
To Ditto for Cash paid Walter Hunnewell in full of his Acct for Medicines & attendance on the poor allow'd 6th of last Janry — — — — —	11,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid for a Load of Wood deld Spencer Godding the 30th of last January — —	4,, 50
To Ditto for Cash paid David Brewer for Nabby Coolidges Support to 18th of last April — — —	14,, 16
To Ditto for Cash paid Theophilus Parsons for his Opinion respecting the state of the Pews —	10,, —
To Ditto for paying Jonas Wood for a Seine in 1797 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	50,, —
To Ditto for paying Ditto for repairing the Hay scales in 1797 — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 21
To Ditto for Cash paid Abigail Goddard in full for her right in her late Brother Josiah's Estate	1,, 84
To Ditto for Cash paid for a Ledger — — — —	2,, —

To Ditto for paying Abigail Goddard for supporting Rachel Goddard from 5th of April 1798 to 5th of next April @ $1,, 20 ℔ Week — — —	
To Ditto for paying Osmus Daniels $1,,50 for supporting his Wife's Child — — — — — —	
To Stephen Harris Junr in full of his Acct for supporting the Child of Daniel Waters 75 Cents ℔ Week — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
To Thomas Wellington including what he has recd for supporting the poor from 1t May 1798 to 1t May 1799 — — — — — — — — — — —	106,, 66
To Ditto including what he has recd in full for supporting the poor from 1t of May 1799 to 1t of next May @ $33,,33 each — — — — — —	
To Nathl R. Whitney for his Service as an Aſſeſsor in 1798 — — — — — — — — — —	40,, —
To Ditto in full for his Service as an Aſſeſsor in 1798 — — — — — — — — — — — —	21,, —

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	Dollrs
To Francis Faulkner in full for his Service as an Aſſeſsor in the Year 1798 — — — — — —	21,, —
To Leonard Bond in full for Ditto — — — —	21,, —
To Otis Lane in full of his Acct for keeping School in the Middle-district to the 17th of last June — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	83,, 33
To Ditto in full of his Acct for keeping School in the Middle district to the 3d of last February	66,, 66
To Nathl R. Whitney in full for supplying sd School with Wood — — — — — — — — — —	8,, 38
To John George for Ditto in 1798 — — — — —	4,, 67
To Edmund Fowle for Cash paid John Kenrick in full for a Plough for the Town — — — — —	4,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Benja Edes for printing Tax bills — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, —
To Ditto for going to * to settle Nathan Tiltons Acct — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,, —

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To Nath[l] R. Whitney for paying Jonas Wood for repairing the Hay scales	4,, 21
To Moses Coolidge in full of his Acc[t] for fire hooks &c	29,, 25
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full of his Acc[t] for Supplies delivered the poor &c	20,, 53
To Charles Bond in full of his Acc[t] for repairing the West School-house	7,, —
To Ditto for his Premium for collecting Taxes	
To Edmund Fowle for Ditto	
To David Stone for Ditto	
To Nathaniel Stone for Ditto	
To Thomas & Peter Clark for damages in removing Wall &c. to widen the road	12,, —
To Leonard & Jonas Bond for Ditto	2,, —
To Ebenezer Chenery for Ditto	10,, —
To Samuel White for Ditto	7,, 50
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Ditto	18,, —
To Susanna Bond for Ditto	30,, —
To Hubbard Rufsell for Ditto	72,, —
To Edmund Fowle for Ditto	18,, —
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for paying Nath[l] Bemis & others a Committee for the West School in full of said Districts proportion of Money for the Year 1799	166,, 66
To Ditto for paying Moses Coolidge & others a Committee for the East School in full for said Districts proportion of Money for the Year 1799	166,, 66
To George Fefsenden in full of his Acc[t] for repairing the Engine	4,, 50
To John Stimpson & Son in full for sundry Articles of Harnefs for the Engine	11,, 25
To Nath[l] Weld for Selectmens Expences last Year	20,, —
To Ditto for Labor at Treadeways Bridge	3,, —

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives aſsembled at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Friday the 7th Day of March AD 1800—to appoint one Grand Juror to appear at the Court of General Seſsions of the peace to be holden at Concord within & for said County of Middlesex on the Monday next preceding the third Tuesday of March & at every Court of General Seſsions of the peace to be holden in said County throughout the whole Year——Also one Petit Juror to serve at the Courts of Common pleas & General Seſsions of the peace to be holden at Concord on the Monday next preceding the third Tuesday of March Instant——And James Robbins was drawn out of the Box as a Grand juror——and Israel Cook as a Petit-Juror—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 10th Day of March AD 1800 for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk, & he was sworn into said Office by Amos Bond Esq[r]————

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer—

Voted & chose for Seleƈtmen—
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Moses Coolidge
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Francis Faulkner
- Thomas Clark

Voted & chose for Aſseſsors—
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Francis Faulkner & was excus'd
- Charles Bond
- Luke Bemis & was excus'd

It was voted that the Aſseſsors be directed to complete making Taxes in the Month of June next—

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Francis Faulkner declined serving as a Selectman————

Voted & chose Luke Bemis a Selectman————

It was voted that the thanks of the Town be given to Francis Faulkner for his Services as a Selectman & Aſſeſsor Also to Leonard Bond for his Service as an Aſſeſsor——Also to William Hunt Esqr for his Service as a Selectman———

Voted & chose Josiah Mixer Constable————

Voted & chose Samuel Wellington Constable————

Samuel Wellington inform'd the Town that he had agreed with Samuel Coolidge to serve as Constable in his stead——

And it was voted to excuse him from serving as Constable Voted & chose Samuel Coolidge Constable in his stead——

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to 2 O'Clock this Afternoon, at this place————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

In the Afternoon the Meeting was open'd at the Public Meeting house, The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a County Treasurer, were called for brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that Eben^{r} Bridge Esqr had sixty one Votes————

The Meeting was opend by adjournment from the fore-noon proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

Josiah Mixer informed the Town that he had agreed with Daniel Cornwall to serve as Constable in his stead——And it was voted to excuse him from serving as Constable———

Voted & chose Daniel Cornwall Constable in his stead⸗

Voted & chose for Fence viewers
- Adam Brown
- Francis Bright
- Elisha Livermore

Voted & chose for Sealers of Leather
- Jonathan Alden
- Richard Sanger & was excus'd
- David Livermore

Voted & chose for Tythingmen⸗
- William Stone
- Jedidiah Leathe & was excus'd
- Samuel Holt⸗

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Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways
- Joshua Coolidge
- William Leathe
- Moses Bright
- Jonas Bond

Voted & chose for Field-drivers
- Jonathan Stone
- Francis Bright
- Thomas Annis
- Isaac Dana

Voted & chose for Hogreeves
- Adam Brown
- Samuel Wellington
- Thomas Bisco
- Joshua Grant
- Amos Livermore Junr
- Elias Twifs
- Aaron Davis

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market
- Charles Bond
- John George
- Nathaniel Weld

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to appoint four Measurers of Wood

Voted & chose for Cull-ers of Hoops & Staves
- Samuel Holt
- Joseph Jones

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber
- Isaac Dana
- William Bond

Voted & chose for Firewards
- Samuel Wellington
- James Robbins
- Nathl Bemis
- Nathl Weld
- Chris^{r} Grant
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Moses Coolidge

Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Pound keeper————

Voted that the Selectmen appoint a Sexton & agree with him for his Services————

It was voted to grant 500 for the Support of Schools the ensuing Year——It was voted that the Money be appropriated in the same way & manner as it was the last Year

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It was voted to postpone granting Money for the Support of the poor to the adjournment of this Meeting
It was voted to postpone granting Money for the support of the Great-bridge to the adj^{t} of this Meeting————

It was voted to grant the same Sum for repairing the Highways & that it be aſseſs'd in the same way & manner as it was the last Year; & the same price for Labor as the last Year————

It was voted that the Aſseſsors be directed to call upon the old Surveyors of Highways for their Lists, before the first Day of June next, & those that have been delinquent in working out their Highway Taxes for three Years past, the Aſseſsors are directed to aſseſs them in separate Columns in the next Town Tax⸗

Voted & chose for a Committee to examine the Town Treas$^{r's}$ Acc^{ts}	William Hunt Esqr Charles Bond & was excus'd Nathl Bemis & was excus'd Nathl Bright & was excus'd Luke Bemis Amos Bond Esqr

It was voted to grant Nathl R. Whitney for his Service as an Aſseſsor the Year past twenty four Dollars————

It was voted to grant Ditto for his Service as Treas^{r} the Year past forty Dollars————

It was voted to choose a Committee to examine Deacon Jedidiah Leathes List of Taxes, & that they have full power to abate & settle the same⸗

Voted & chose for said Committee	Amos Bond Esqr William Stone Nathl R. Whitney

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts was read, & it appeard that
Nathl R. Whitney Town Treas^{r} is credited — — 12274,, 75
And is charged with — — — — — — — — — — 12014,, 82

Balance due the Treasurer — — — — — $ 259,, 93

The above is a just & true statement of the Treas^{rs} Accounts to the 8th Day of March 1800——As examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same————

Amos Bond, Thomas Clark, Elisha Livermore Committee

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It was voted to accept the Report of said Committee (As you may see on file)

Abner W. Morses Petition was read, & it was voted to be referred to the Selectmen————

It was voted to choose a Committee to confer with the Inhabitants of the Towns of Weston & Waltham or their Agents respecting the fishery in Charles River in Watertown, & to know of them, if they will submit to the determination of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court this question (Viz) whether in their Opinion the Act or Law, which gives to Weston & Waltham a right in the fishery in Charles River in Watertown is a constitutional Act & binding on the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, & whether they will enter into a rule to abide their determination so far as to relinquish to the Town of Watertown, all right to said fishery, if in the judgment of said Judges the Towns of Weston & Waltham cannot constitutionally & legally hold said fishery, & make report to the Town at next May Meeting

Voted & chose for said Committee { William Hunt Esqr / Doctor Marshall Spring / Amos Bond Esqr }

13th It was voted that the Towns right in the Land claimed by Gove* & Bemis, be sold at Auction, at the House of Nathl Weld, on the first Monday in April next, by the Selectmen, & that they be directed to give a quit claim Deed of the same————

It was voted to farm out the Collection of Taxes this Evening at the House of Nathl Weld's under the same restrictions as they were the last Year——Also to let the Hay scales, & the Wharf in Cambridge belonging to Watertown————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting at the House of Nathl Weld in half an hour from this time————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

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On the Evening of the 10th of March AD 1800, The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town, by adjournment from the Meeting-house proceeded as follows (Viz)—

The Collection of the East List of State, County & Town Taxes were put up under the same restrictions as they were the last Year, & struck of to Jonathan Stone, for seven pence on the pound————

The West List of Ditto were put up under the same restrictions & struck of to Samuel Coolidge for seven pence on the pound————

It was voted to put the Hay scales up at Auction, for the term of One Year, the purchaser to pay quarterly & give Security for the performance of the payment, & was struck of to Maj[r] Moses White for forty nine Dollars————

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown was put up & struck of Maj[r] Moses White for the term of one Year for two Dollars & ninety five Cents

Voted & chose for Collectors of Taxes { Jonathan Stone / Samuel Coolidge

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Public Meeting house————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen on said Day (Viz) Adam Brown Fence viewer————

Jonathan Alden Sealer of Leather————

Jonas Bond Surveyor of Highways————

Thomas Annis & Isaac Dana Field-drivers————

Adam Brown, Samuel Wellington, Thomas Bisco, & Elias Twiſs Hogreeves————

Charles Bond & Nath[l] Weld Clerks of the Market————

Isaac Dana & William Bond Surveyors of Timber, by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

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March 17th 1800 Edward Lowd was sworn into the Office of Hay weigher by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

March 24th 1800 Joseph Jones was sworn into the Office of Culler of Hoops & Staves by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld on the 24th Day of March 1800 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

	Doll[s]
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Elijah Bond for the benefit of John Stearns — — —	15,, —
To Ditto for Wood delivered Spencer Godding	1,, 33
To Charles Bond in full of his Premium for collecting Taxes — — — — — — — — — — — —	
To Nath[l] Weld for Selectmens Expences in letting Hay scales & farming the collection of Taxes — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	

Also, They ifsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex fs: To M[r] Samuel Coolidge one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieu[t] Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——Hereof fail not &c⸗

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of April next, at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

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1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To know if the Town will accept the List of Jurors presented by the Selectmen————
3d To know if the Town will permit Horses, & Neat Cattle to run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon——
4th To hear the Report of the Committee who were appointed to procure the Opinion of Mr Pearsons & Mr Dexter respecting the legal title of the Pews in Watertown Meeting house, Also to know if the Town will confirm the Pews to the Original Proprietors, and their lawful Heirs forever, and act any thing thereon————
5th To know if the Town will appoint a Committee to petition the Court of General Sessions of the peace next to be holden within, and for the County of Middlesex, to reconsider and disannul all proceedings respecting the laying out of a Road in said Town prayed for by Stephen Cook & act any thing thereon——Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands & Seals, Dated at Watertown the twenty fourth Day of March, In the Year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred—

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
} Selectmen for Watertown

March 29th 1800 Daniel Cornwall & Samuel Coolidge were sworn into the Office of Constable——& Francis Bright as Fence viewer————

March 31t 1800 Samuel Holt was sworn as Culler of Hoops & Staves————

April 4th 1800 Moses Bright was sworn as Surveyor of Highways by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of April AD 1800—— for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor, and Senators and Counsellors————

The Selectmen presiding the Votes for Governor were called for brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that

the following Gentlemen had the number of Votes annex'd their Names (Viz)—

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For Governor
The Honb. Elbridge Gerry Esqr had — — — —106 Votes
The Honb. Caleb Strong Esqr had — — — — — 16 Votes
His Honor Moses Gill Esqr had — — — — — — 7 Votes

For Lieu^{t} Governor
His Honor Moses Gill Esqr had — — — — — — 93 Votes
The Honb. Elbridge Gerry Esqr had — — — — 1 Vote

For Senators & Counsellors—

Eben^{r} Bridge Esqr had — — —	86 Votes
Eleazer Brooks Esqr — — —	83
Josiah Bartlet Esqr — — — —	82
Timothy Biglow Esqr — — —	49
Amos Bond Esqr — — — —	21
Aaron Hill Esqr — — — — —	9
William Hull Esqr — — — —	8
Daniel Whitney Esqr — — —	6
Jonathan Maynard Esqr — —	6
John Merchant — — — — —	3
Joseph Peirce — — — — —	2
William Hildreth — — — —	1

Then the Meeting was open'd by Adjournment from the 10th Day of last March, & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

	Doll^{s}
It was voted to grant Francis Faulkner in full of his Acc^{t} for his Service as an Aſseſsor the last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	24,, —
To the Selectmen for their Expences last Year —	20,, —

It was voted to grant fifteen Dollars to procure a Plough for the Town, & that the Selectmen are directed to procure said Plough————

It was voted to excuse Luke Bemis from serving as an Aſseſsor————

It was voted to grant Leonard Bond for his Service as an Aſseſsor the Year past — — — — —	24,, —

Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr an Aſseſsor————

Voted to excuse Jon^{a} Stone from serving as a Fence viewer—

Voted & chose Jonathan Bird a Fence viewer————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in May next, at three O'Clock in the Afternoon, at this place And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of April AD 1800 for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1t Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator for said Meeting————

2d The List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen was read & it was voted to strike Amos Livermores Name out of said List, by his request————

It was voted to accept said List of Jurors, & that the Selectmen be directed to select a List therefrom for the Supreme Box————

Then the Committee appointed to procure the Opinion of Mr Parsons & Dexter respecting the legal title of Pews in Watertown Meeting house presented their written Opinion which was read, & is as follows (Viz)—

It is now settled that Pews are Real Estate, & therefore the Votes of the Town of Watertown are meerely a conveyance of Real Estate, & to be construed according to the rules of Law in such cases——In the Votes are no technical words such as are neceſsary in Deeds to create an Estate of Inheritance, nor even words tending to shew such an Intent.

We are therefore of Opinion that the Votes alone cannot be legally construed as giving an Estate beyond the life of the Grantee.——It being our Opinion that the Estate does not descend, it is unneceſsary to add that a Condition annexed to it cannot————

If however any antient Usage of the Town can be proved, the question may be otherwise decided, as in one case at least the Sup. Court have respected such a Usage—

Theop Parsons
Saml Dexter Junr

Boston 15th March 1799—
A true Copy———— As you may see on file—

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Whereas the Votes formerly paſsed in the Town of Watertown respecting the settlement of the Pews in Watertown Meeting house are vague and uncertain, and whereas difficulties have arisen & may hereafter arise respecting the

Pews aforesaid, & to prevent all difficulties & disputes in future————

It was voted that the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown will, and they hereby do Give, Grant, & Confirm unto the several Original Proprietors or Holders of the Pews in Watertown Meeting house, & to their Heirs & Aſsigns forever the several Pews they severally drew or held in said Meeting house, except those Pews that have reverted to said Town in consequence of former Votes, and have been taken by said Town, and sold to Individuals therein, and the Inhabitants of the Town aforesaid, do hereby Give, Grant & Confirm to the present holders or purchasers and to their Heirs and Aſsigns forever, the last mentioned and excepted Pews they severally purchased————

Sixty one Yeas, & but one Nay————

It was voted that Horses be shut up the ensuing Year———

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in May next at five O'Clock in the Afternoon, at this place——

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

William Leathe was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways——And Joshua Grant as a Hogreeve by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk——Nath[l] R. Whitney & Charles Bond were sworn as Aſseſsors by Amos Bond Justice of the peace————

William Hunt Esq[r] was sworn into the Office of Aſseſsor——

And Joshua Coolidge & Moses Bright as Surveyors of Highways by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

In pursuance of the Vote of the Town of Watertown the Selectmen met at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 7th Day of April 1800 the following Conditions were drawn (Viz) The Selectmen will put up the Town's right to their Land lying in Waltham & Lincoln, and pretended to be claimed by Meſs[rs] Gove* & Bemis on the following Conditions, the Town will give a quit claim of the Town's right in said Land, the highest bidder to be the purchaser, 5 ℔ Cent to be paid down, the residue on receiving the Deed, or good Security for the same——the Town will quit their right of trespaſs——And was struck of to Leonard Bond for fifty five Dollars—

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At the Meeting aforementioned the Selectmen appointed Jedidiah Leathe, Charles Bond, & Edward Lowd measurers of Wood for the ensuing Year——And Charles Bond was sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk〜

April 21[t] 1800 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)〜

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Samuel Coolidge one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age & upwards and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the Annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth Day of May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon for the purpose of choosing one Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next————

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seals, Dated at Watertown the twenty first Day of April, In the Year of Our Lord One thousand & Eight hundred〜

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
Thomas Clark
} Selectmen for Watertown〜

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 5th Day of May AD 1800 for the purpose of choosing one Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May Instant——The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a

Representative were called for brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that William Hunt Esqr was chosen———— Then the Meeting by Adjournment from March Meeting was open'd, & proceeded as follows————

It was voted to grant six hundred Dollars to support the poor the ensuing Year————

It was further voted that the Committee appointed on the 10th of last March to confer with the Inhabitants of the Towns of Weston & Waltham, or their Agents respecting the fishery in Charles River in Watertown, be and hereby are empowered as Agents for said Town to bring any Action, or Actions against the Towns of Weston & Waltham for any Sum or Sums of Money due from them, or either of them to said Town of Watertown, or any Action whatsoever that may be judg'd neceſsary to bring the Constitutionality of the late Act of the General Court, empowering the Towns of Watertown, Weston & Waltham to farm the fishery of those Towns for the Support of the Great-bridge over Charles River in Watertown, and fully to act, & do in the Premises, as they may judge proper————

It was voted that the above Committee be directed to call upon the Selectmen for Money if neceſsary, & that they be directed to draw an Order on the Treasurer for Money to pay said Committee if neceſsary————

It was voted to grant three hundred Dollars to make up the deficiency for the Expence in repairing the Great-bridge—

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 5th Day of May AD 1800 by Adjournment from the 7th Day of last April, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to appoint a Committee to consult and agree with Stephen Cook respecting any alteration in the County-road leading to Sherburne by Charles River, and if no agreement can be had to apply to the Court of General Seſsions of the peace, and oppose any alterations being made, and to act any thing thereon they may judge will be for the Interest of the Town————
Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee for the above purpose————

It was voted that Neat's Cattle shall be shut up from this Day to the first Day of next November————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld on the 2[d] Day of June AD 1800 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Stephen Harris for Labor done at the Great-bridge — —	,, 50
To Osmus Daniels in full for supporting his Wife's Child — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, —
To Jonathan Alden to procure a Baſs Viol — —	20,, —
To Jon[a] Coolidge to procure Timber & for Services at the Great bridge — — — — — — — — —	35,, —
To David Brewer in full of his Acc[t] for supporting Nabby Coolidge to the 18th of last April —	43,, 34
To Jacob Farrar for supporting Benj[a] Whitney the Year past — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, —
To Abner W. Morse for supporting the Child of Nancy White — — — — — — — — — — — — —	30,, —

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July 26th 1800—The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Samuel Coolidge one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth Day of August next at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1[t] To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2[d] To know the minds of the Town respecting the widening & repairing the Bridge over Charles River in Watertown agreeable to the Order of the Court of General Seſsions of the peace (or any other way,) and to act any thing thereon as they shall think best————

3d To know if the Town will grant any Sum of Money to defray the Expences of the Militia, on the Days they are to appear at Concord under Arms to perform military Duty agreeable to Division Orders of the tenth Day of June last—

4th To know if the Town will grant any Money to repair the Highway from Watertown Meeting house to Menotomy Line, & act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the twenty sixth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
Thomas Clark
} Selectmen for Watertown

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 4th Day of August 1800 to transact the Business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator————

2d It was voted to rebuild & widen the Bridge over Charles River in Watertown agreeable to the Order of the Court of General Sessions of the peace————

It was voted to grant a Sum of Money for the above purpose

It was voted to grant One thousand Dollars for the above purpose————

It was voted to choose a Committee to rebuild & widen the Bridge over Charles River in Watertown agreeable to the Order of the Court of General Sessions of the peace, by Contract or otherwise————

It was voted to choose a Committee of five persons for the purpose aforesaid

Voted & chose for said Committee — Mr Amos Livermore; Mr Jonas White; Col. Chisr Grant; Capt Nathl Bemis; Majr Moses White

It was voted to raise a Committee to confer with the Inhabitants of the Town's of Weston & Waltham or their Agents, & to know of them, if they will join with the Town of Watertown in widening & rebuilding the Bridge over Charles River in Watertown, & to make a settlement or compromise respecting said Bridge & fishery, as they shall think will be for the Interest of the Town

Voted & chose for said Committee — William Hunt Esqr; Amos Bond Esqr; Thomas Clark; Francis Faulkner; Nathl R. Whitney

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It was voted to grant to each Man of the Militia of this Town that shall march to Concord under arms to perform military Duty agreeable to Division orders of the 10th Day of June last, two Dollars to each Man————

It was voted to reconsider the last Vote————

It was voted to grant One hundred & fifty Dollars to repair the Highway from Watertown Meeting house to Menotomy Line

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Wellington Innholder in Watertown on the 8th Day of September AD 1800—They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive Licence for Innholders & Retailers (Viz)—

For Innholders — Jona Bird; Samuel Wellington; Nathl Weld; Ebenr Kent

For Retailers — James Robbins; John Fowle; Moses White; Jeremiah Fowle; Edward Lowd; John Durant; John George; John Merchant

October 3d 1800 Jedidiah Leathe was sworn into the Office of measurer of Wood by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk

October 22d 1800 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town meeting——(Viz)

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Samuel Coolidge one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz) The male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the Annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the Value of sixty Pounds to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the third Day of November next being the first Monday in said Month, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the second Middle-district——Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seals Dated at Watertown the twenty second Day of October in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney } Selectmen for Watertown
Luke Bemis
Thomas Clark

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 3d Day of November 1800, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the second Middle-district————

The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following persons had the several Votes annex'd their Names (Viz)—

The Honb. Timothy Biglow Esqr had— — — 29 Votes
Joseph B. Varnum Esqr had — — — 20 ——
Eben^{r} Bridge Esqr had — — — — 2 ——

December 20th 1800 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Daniel Cornwall Constable of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 29th Day of December Instant, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1^{t} To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2^{d} To choose a Collector of Taxes instead of Samuel Coolidge a late Collector Deceas'd, & act any thing thereon—

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Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the twentieth Day of December, In the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred—

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nathl R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Luke Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown—

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 29th Day of December AD 1800 for the purpose of

transacting the Buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town, at five O'Clock this Evening And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd———

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town, on the Evening of the 29th Day of December 1800 by adjournment from the Meeting house, & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to farm the collection of the West List of Taxes to the lowest bidder————

It was voted that the collection of all Taxes be paid in to the several Treasurers on, or before the first Day of December next or the Collectors shall not be entitled to any Premium, (unleſs any part of the Taxes shall be suspended by Order of the Selectmen—

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The collection of the West List of Taxes were put up, & struck of to Daniel Coolidge, for six pence & one fourth of a penny on the pound————

Voted & chose Daniel Coolidge Collector of Taxes, & he was sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk——

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting—And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on the 19th Day of January AD 1801, They appointed the following persons Engine-men for the ensuing Year (Viz)—

Joseph Peirce	John Stimpson Jun[r]
Abijah White	Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r]
Tho[s] H. Bray	Aaron Dana
Elias Twiſs	Samuel Jones
Josiah Robbins	John Tucker
Jonathan Alden	Nath[l] Weld Jun[r]
Artemas Murdock	Aaron Sanger
Benj[a] Mirick Jun[r]	Ellis Prentice—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town, on Monday the 23[d] Day of February AD 1801—They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Doll[s]
To William Frothingham in full for keeping School in the Middle-district — — — — — — —	75,, —
To Peter Cochran in full for Ditto — — — —	83,, 33
To Moses Coolidge in full of his Acc[t] — — — —	15,, 50
To Luke Bemis in full of his Acc[t] for procuring 19 Psalm-books for the Singers — — — — — —	11,, 88
To the Widow White for supporting her Father Bez[l] Learned & Wife half a Year — — — — — —	20,, —
To Paul Learned for his Service as Sexton in 1799 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	23,, —
To Moses Coolidge & others a Committee for the East School in full of said Districts proportion for the Y[r] 1800 — — — — — — — — — — —	166,, 66
To Nath[l] Bemis & others a Committee for the West-districts proportion for the same Year —	166,, 66

Also the Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

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Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Daniel Cornwall Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixteenth Day of March next, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz).

1[t] To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2[d] To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March & April annually————

3d To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his Services————

4th To determine whether Swine or Neats Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year & act any thing thereon————

5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, and act any thing thereon—

6th To grant Money to support the poor & act any thing thereon————

7th To grant Money to support the Great bridge & act any thing thereon————

8th To grant Money to repair the Highways & act any thing thereon————

9th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts

10th To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to, and act any thing thereon————

11th To hear the Reports of any Committees & act any thing thereon

12th To agree how the Fishery shall be improv'd the ensuing Year, and act any thing thereon————

13th To know if the Town will make any repairs to the Meeting house & act any thing thereon————

14th To hear the request of Capt William Bond respecting Powder lent him, Also to grant Money to replace the Town's Stock of Powder, & act any thing thereon————

15th To know what the Town will do with Wharf in Cambridge & act any thing thereon————

16th To know if the Town will choose a Committee to look up the Town's Fire arms & act any thing thereon————

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Also, You are alike required to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixteenth Day of March next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register————

You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the ninth Day of March next, at four of the Clock PM. Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon, to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings———

Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the twenty third Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred & one—

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
Thomas Clark
} Selectmen for Watertown

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 9th Day of March AD 1801 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

	Doll[s]
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for his Service as Treasurer in 1799 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	40,, —
To Ditto in full for his Service as an Aſsesſor in 1799 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	24,, —
To Francis Faulkner in full for Ditto — — —	24,, —
To Leonard Bond in full for Ditto — — — — —	24,, —
To Abigail Goddard (including what has been paid her $1,,50 ℔ Week for supporting Rachel Goddard from the 5th of last April — — — — —	
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Moses Warren for soling & heel tapping Sam[l] Jennisons Shoes — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	—,, 67
To Ditto for Cash paid for Daniel Jackson's attending Court at Concord in 1799 — — — — —	1,, 50

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	Doll[s]
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Moses Coolidge to procure a Plough — — — — — — —	4,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid William Blaver for Service in repairing the Creek-bridge — — —	,, 33

To Ditto for Cash paid Joel Wellington in full for taking Plank out of the Water for the Great-bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 50
To Ditto for Cash paid Abner Sanderson Esqr in full for running the Lines between Watertown & Newton — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Jer^{h} Emerton for boarding William Hay 1 ½ Week in Salem Poor house	3,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid William Vinall in full of his Acc^{t} for Plank for the Great-bridge — — —	30,, 5
To Charles Bond in full for 6 singing books for the Singers — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Andrew White for Labor in underpinning the West School-house — — —	1,, —
To Aaron & Isaac Dana in full of their Acc^{t} —	42,, 71
To Thomas Wellington in full of his Acc^{t} — —	43,, 70
To Nathl Weld in full of his Acc^{t} for Expences in leasing Hay scales, selling Land & farming out the Taxes — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9,, 17
To Nathl R. Whitney in full of his Acc^{t} for Wood delivered the Middle School house — —	4,, 73
To Ditto in full of his Acc^{t} for Supplies delivered the poor — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, 50
To Amos Livermore & others a Committee to rebuild the Great-bridge — — — — — — — — —	1000,, —
To Nathl R. Whitney & other's a Committee for the middle School-district the balance of said District's proportion for the Year 1800 —	3,, 60
To Amos Bond Esqr for Cash paid the Clerk of Sefsions — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, —
To Nathl Weld in full for Selectmens Expences last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, —
To John Fowle in full of his Acc^{t} for Cloathing del^{d} the poor — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 11

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 16th Day of March AD 1801—being duly warned for the purpose of transacting the Buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr Moderator————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer————
Nath[l] R. Whitney was sworn into the Office of Town Clerk by William Hunt Esqr Moderator—

Voted & chose for Selectmen { William Hunt Esqr, Amos Bond Esqr, Nath[l] R. Whitney, Col. Moses Coolidge, Capt Luke Bemis }

Voted & chose for Aſseſsors { William Hunt Esqr, Nath[l] R. Whitney, Charles Bond }

Voted & chose for Constables { Samuel Benjamin, Majr Moses White }

Majr Moses White inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Daniel Cornwall to serve as Constable in his stead—— It was voted to excuse Majr Moses White from serving as Constable————

Voted & chose Daniel Cornwall Constable—

Voted & chose for Fence viewers { Leonard Bond, Adam Brown, Elisha Livermore }

Voted & chose for Tythingmen { William Chenery, William Stone }

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Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways— { Edmund Fowle, William Hunt Esqr, David Livermore, Peter Harrington }

Voted & chose for Field drivers
- Daniel Coolidge
- Elisha Livermore
- Charles Bond
- Moses Bright

Voted & chose for Hogreeves
- William Bond
- Amos Livermore Junr
- Adam Brown & was excus'd
- Edmund Wellington
- William Winchester & was excus'd
- Moses Chenery

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market
- John George
- Nathl Weld

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Samuel Holt
- Joseph Jones

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber
- Isaac Dana
- William Bond

Voted & chose for Firewards
- Samuel Wellington
- James Robbins
- Nathl Bemis
- Nathl Weld
- Chris^{r} Grant
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Moses Coolidge

Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Pound keeper————

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to appoint a Sexton & agree with him for his Services————

Voted that Swine shall not run at large the ensuing Year—

Voted to postpone the Article respecting Cattle being shut up the ensuing Year, until this Afternoon

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It was voted to grant five hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing Year & that it be expended in the same way & manner as it was the last Year————

It was voted to postpone granting Money to support the poor to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

It was voted to postpone granting Money to repair the Great-bridge to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

It was voted to choose a Surveyor of Highways for the special purpose of repairing the Highways, over the Meeting-house-hill (so called) & that the Surveyor be empowered to work out his List of Taxes, or collect the Money of those persons that do not work them out, & lay out the Money to the best advantage on said Road————

Voted & chose Col. Chris^{r} Grant Surveyor for the purpose aforesaid————

It was voted to postpone granting Money to repair said Road until this Afternoon————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to half past two of the Clock this Afternoon, then to meet at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

In the Afternoon the Meeting was open'd at the Public Meeting house in said Town for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register————

The Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that the Honb. Eben^{r} Bridge Esqr had fifty five Votes————

Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr & Nathl R. Whitney to sort & count the Votes for a County Register————

The Votes for a County Register were called for brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that Saml Bartlet Esqr had fifty three Votes for a County Register————

Then the Meeting was open'd by Adjournment from the Forenoon at the Public Meeting house in said Town, & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to excuse Samuel Benjamin from serving as Constable————

Voted & chose Jonas Bond Constable————

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It was voted that Horses shall not be permitted to go at large the ensuing Year————

It was voted that Neat's Cattle shall not be permitted to go at large the ensuing Year————

It was voted that Col. Chris^{r} Grants Limits for working his Highway Taxes extend only from the foot of the Southerly

side of the Meeting house hill (so called) and running over said Hill, as far as to the Road leading from Waltham to Cambridge———

It was voted to reconsider the last Vote so far as that the repairing of the Highway as aforesaid shall extend to Menotomy Line———

It was voted to reconsider the last Vote so far as that the aforesaid Limits shall extend only from the foot of the southerly side of the Meeting house hill (so called) & extend to the foot of the Northerly side of said Road as far as the Road from Waltham to Cambridge———

It was voted to grant fifty Dollars in addition to the One hundred & fifty Dollars granted on the 4th Day of last August to repair the aforementioned Highways——And that the Aſſeſsors be directed to aſſeſs said Sum immediately, & the other Highway Taxes within one Week———

It was voted to grant the same Sum for repairing the Highways, & that the price of Labor be the same as the last Year.

Voted & chose for a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts. { William Hunt Esqr / Elisha Livermore / Majr Moses White

It was voted to grant Nathl R. Whitney for his Service as an Aſſeſsor the last Year — — — — 24,, —

To William Hunt Esqr for Ditto — — — — — 24,, —

To Charles Bond for Ditto — — — — — — — 24,, —

To Nathl R. Whitney for his Service as Treasr last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — 40,, —

It was voted that the Committee appointed on the 10th of March 1800, to confer with the Inhabitants of the Towns of Weston & Waltham or their Agents, be empowered to obtain the Opinion of an able Attorney respecting the constitutionality of the Act which gives to Weston & Waltham a right in the fishery in Charles River in Watertown, & make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting———

It was voted to grant twenty Dollars for the above purpose.

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It was voted that the Committee chosen on the 4th Day of last August (Viz) William Hunt Esqr Amos Bond Esqr Thomas Clark, Francis Faulkner, & Nathl R. Whitney be hereby empowered to give to the Town's of Weston & Waltham compleat & sufficient discharges forever from any further Support, or Charge in maintaining the Great-bridge leading over Charles River in Watertown, provided the Towns of Weston & Waltham will & do give, & grant to the Town of Watertown, all the privileges & benefits forever, which were granted & given to the said Towns of Weston & Waltham in common with the Town of Watertown in the fishery called Shad & Alewives by an Act paſsed the second Day of March AD 1798————

Voted to choose two Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year—

Voted & chose for said Agents— { James Robbins & was excus'd / Majr Moses White / Amos Bond Esqr

13th Article Voted to postpone until April Meeting————

14th Voted to grant to Capt William Bond the Powder which he received out of the Town's Stock for the use of his Company It was voted to grant twenty five Dollars to replace the Town's Stock of Powder————

15th It was voted to choose a Committee to examine the Wharf in Cambridge, & see whether they think it will be best to make any repairs, or for the Town to make sale of said Wharf, & make report to the Town concerning the same at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Majr Moses White / Col. Moses Coolidge / Amos Livermore

16th Voted that the Selectmen be directed to look up the Town's Fire-arms, & make report to the Town concerning the same at April Meeting————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town in half an Hour from this time, and the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourned

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Then the Town-meeting was open'd at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town, on the Evening of the 16th of March 1801, by Adjournment from the Meeting-house, & proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

The collection of the East List of State, County & Town Taxes were put up on the following Conditions & restrictions (Viz) The lowest bidder to be chosen a Collector, the Taxes are to be delivered to the Collector in the Month of June next, & he is to give Bonds for his faithful performance, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, one half of the Amount of the Taxes are to be paid in to the several Treasurers by the first Day of January next, & the residue at, or before the expiration of the term of one Year unleſs any part of the Taxes shall be suspended by Order of the Selectmen, & on failure of not complying with the terms aforesaid, the Collector shall not be entitled to any Premium for collecting,

And was struck of to Charles Bond for /5 ¾ [d] on the Pound—
The collection of the West List of State, County, & Town Taxes were put up on the same Conditions & restrictions, &
was struck of to William Stone for /5 [d] on the Pound———
Voted & chose Charles Bond & William Stone Collectors of Taxes————

The Hay-scales were put up at Auction for the term of One Year, & were struck of to Aaron Dana for forty one Dollars

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

Then the following Town-Officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen on this Day (Viz)

William Hunt Esq[r] & Charles Bond as Aſseſsors were sworn by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town-Clerk————
Nath[l] R. Whitney as an Aſseſsor was sworn by William Hunt Esq[r]
Leonard Bond, Adam Brown & Elisha Livermore as Fence viewers————
Edmund Fowle, William Hunt Esq[r] & David Livermore as Surveyors of Highways————

Daniel Coolidge, Elisha Livermore & Charles Bond as Field-drivers————

Cap[t] William Bond & Moses Chenery as Hogreeves—

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Nath[l] Weld as Clerk of the Market————

Isaac Dana & Cap[t] William Bond as Surveyors of Timber—

Charles Bond & William Stone Collectors of Taxes————

Aaron Dana Hayweigher sworn by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk

March 23[d] 1801 Peter Harrington was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of High-ways by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town, on the 23[d] Day of March 1801— They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Daniel Cornwall, Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the sixth Day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——Hereof fail not &c————

Also, You are alike required to notify & warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax to meet & aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on the said sixth Day of April next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following articles (Viz)

1[t] To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2d To know if the Town will permit those persons, who have not work'd out their Highway Taxes, for three Years past, & were aſsesſs'd in the last Years Town Tax, to work out the same under the present surveyors of Highways & act any thing thereon——Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands & Seals, Dated at Watertown the twenty third Day of March, In the Year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred & one

William Hunt
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
Amos Bond
} Selectmen for Watertown

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March 28th 1801 Col. Chris[r] Grant was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

At a Meeting of the Agents of the Town of Watertown (chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown) held at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 30th Day of March 1801——They leas'd the privilege of the fishery in Watertown the ensuing Year to Nath[l] Weld for two hundred & forty Dollars—And he paid ten Dollars as earnest Money

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld's on the 1[t] Day of April 1801——They signed an Order on the Treas[r] directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter-named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

	Doll[s]	Cts
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for paying Nath[l] Weld for Selectmens Expences in letting the Hay scales &c. on the 16th of last March, Also in full for Agents Expences in letting the fishery; And also in full for Expences of the Agents of Watertown, Weston & Waltham — — — — — — — —	8,,	20
To the Widow———White for supporting Bez[l] Learned & Wife half a Year from the 1st Day of last May — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	20,,	—
To Catha Marshall for supporting Ditto the 3d quarter of last Year — — — — — — — — — —	10,,	—

To Moses Warren for two pair of Shoes del^{d} Saml Jennison & Wife — — — — — — — — — —	3,, —
To Coolidge & Sanger in full for boating Plank	3,, —
To Thaddeus Cole in full of his Acc^{t} — — — —	3,, 58
To Catha Marshall in full for purchasing to Shirts for Bez^{l} Learned — — — — — — — — — —	3,, —
To Isaac Dana in full of his Acc^{t} for Services at the Middle School-house — — — — — — —	5,, 10

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly afsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 6th Day of April 1801, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Governor, Lieu^{t} Governor, and Senators & Counsellors————

The Selectmen presiding the Votes for Governor, were called for brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes, annex'd their several Names (Viz)—

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For Governor—

The Honb. Elbridge Gerry Esqr had — — — —115 Votes
His Excellency Caleb Strong Esqr had — — — 20 ——

For Lieu^{t} Governor—

The Honb. William Heath Esqr had — — — — 51 Votes
Edward H. Robbins Esqr had — — 48 ——
Samuel Phillips Esqr had — — — — 14 ——
Elbridge Gerry Esqr had — — — — 2 ——
Eben^{r} Bridge Esqr had — — — — 1 ——

For Senators & Counsellors

Jonathan Maynard Esqr had — 55 Votes
Aaron Hill Esqr had — — — — 29 ——
William Hildreth Esqr had — — 9 ——
William Hull Esqr had — — — 66 ——
Eben^{r} Bridge Esqr had — — — 89 ——
Daniel Whitney Esqr had — — 24 ——
Timothy Biglow Esqr had — — 56 ——
Josiah Bartlet Esqr had — — — 83 ——
Timothy Jackson Esqr had — — 1 ——

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, (being duly warned) qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the 6th Day of April 1801 for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr Moderator————

2d Voted that those persons who have not work'd out their Highway Taxes, & are assessed for the delinquencies in the last Year's Town Tax, may have the Liberty of working them out provided they will do it before the first Day of June next, & the Collector is directed to discount with them, on receiving a Certificate from the Surveyor of Highways————

Then the Meeting was open'd by Adjournment from the 16th Day of last March, to the present time, proceeded as follows (Viz) Jonas Bond inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Edward Lowd to serve as Constable, in his stead————

Voted to excuse Jonas Bond from serving as Constable——

Voted & chose Edward Lowd Constable, & he was sworn into said Office by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk————

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Moses Bright was sworn into the Office of Field-driver by Nathl R. Whitney Town-Clerk————

It was voted to grant five hundred to support the poor the ensuing Year————

It was voted to postpone granting Money to repair the Great-bridge until May Meeting————

It was voted to grant twenty Dollars for the Selectmen's Expences last Year————

Voted that the Treasurer be directed not to draft any Order on the Collectors the present Year, for more than to pay any persons Taxes————

Voted to choose a Committee to make such repairs to the Meeting house as are necessary for the present—

Voted & chose for said Committee— Mr Amos Livermore, Capt Benjamin Hastings, Capt William Bond

Voted to grant thirty Dollars for the purpose aforesaid——
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in May next at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place——
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on the 24th Day of April AD 1801, they iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within

said

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Said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the fourth Day of May next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next————

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the twenty-fourth Day of April, In the Year of our Lord, one thousand, Eight hundred and one⸗

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown⸗

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 4th Day of May AD 1801, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them in

the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant———

The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that William Hunt Esq[r] was chosen—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 4th Day of May AD 1801, by Adjournment from the 6th Day of April last proceeded as follows (Viz)—

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts was read and it appeared that

Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer is credited — 7300,, 40
And is charged with — — — — — — — — — — 7157,, 87

Balance due the Treasurer — — — — — — — $142,, 53

The above is a just and true statement of the Treasurer's Accounts to the 13th Day of March AD 1801—as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same—

Amos Bond
Luke Bemis } Committee

It was voted to accept the Report of said Committee As you may see on file—

The Committee appointed to view the Wharf in Cambridge, made a verbal report, that they are of Opinion that it will be for the Interest of the Town to repair said Wharf——— It was voted to grant fifty Dollars to repair said Wharf, And that the Committee aforesaid be directed repair the same———

It was voted that the Committee chosen on the 4th Day of last August be & hereby are empowered to give to the Towns of Weston & Waltham compleat & sufficient discharges forever, from any further Support, or Charge in maintaining the Great-bridge leading over Charles River in Watertown, provided the Towns of Weston & Waltham will & do give & grant to the Town of Watertown all the privileges and benefits forever, in the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Town of Watertown—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 4th Day of May AD 1801—They let the Wharf belonging to the Town of Watertown (in Cambridge) at Auction for the ensuing Year, to Samuel Wellington Jun[r] for three Dollars————

June 8th AD 1801 Stephen Cook delivered the following notification (Viz)—

Watertown June 8th 1801—

To the Selectmen of Watertown—

This is to give notice that on the fifth Day of last May I took into my Family a young Woman by the Name of Betsy Hide who came last from Newton, her circumstances are unknown to me——

Stephen Cook—

As you may see on file—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on the 3[d] Day of August AD 1801—They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Doll[s]	*C[ts]*
To Joel Wellington in full for supporting the poor the first quarter of the present Year — —	30,,	—
To Col. David Brewer in full for supporting Nabby Coolidge the Year past — — — — — —	46,,	43
To Col. Moses Coolidge for repairing the Town's-plough — — — — — — — — — — —	1,,	—
To William Hunt Esq[r] for Costs of suit in actions against the Town's of Weston & Waltham (as ℔ Bill) tax'd by the Clerk of Common-pleas		

August 24th 1801 The Selectmen made sale at Auction of old Timber, & Plank which were not wanted for the Great-bridge, sold to sundry persons amounting to — $31,, 75

As ℔ Bill, you may see on file—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 14th Day of Septem-

ber AD 1801—They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive Licence for Innholders & Retailers (Viz)⸗

For Innholders
- Jon[a] Bird
- Nath[l] Weld
- Sam[l] Wellington
- Eben[r] Kent

For Retailers
- James Robbins
- John Fowle
- John George
- Moses White
- John Durant
- Jeremiah Fowle
- John Merchant

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on the 7th Day of December AD 1801—They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)⸗

	Doll[s]	*C[ts]*
To Thaddeus Cole in full of his Acc[t] — — — —	1,,	89
To Edward Lowd in full of his Acc[t] for repairing the Hay-scales in 1800 — — — — — — — — —	4,,	96
To Henry Craft in full for building a temporary Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,,	—
To Joel Wellington in full for supporting the poor the second quarter of the present Year —	30,,	—
To Amos Bond Esq[r] in full for 8 ½ feet of Wood delivered Samuel Jennison — — — — — — — —	4,,	61

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on the 4th Day of January AD 1802—They appointed the following person Engine-men for the ensuing Year (Viz)⸗

Elias Twiſs
Joseph Peirce
Thomas Annis
John Tucker
Aaron Dana
John Stimpson Jun[r]
Benjamin Mirick
Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r]
Ellis Prentice
Nath[l] Weld Jun[r]
Samuel Jones
Leonard Mellen
Nath[l] Coolidge
Tho[s] H. Bray
Abijah White
Jonathan Alden
Thomas Heard
Jonathan Child⸗

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Also, The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Dollˢ	*Cᵗˢ*
To William Hilliard in full for printing 300 Tax bills	2,,	25
To the Wife of Samuel Jennison for supporting Spencer Godding from the first Day of January Instant, One Dollar ℔ Week, & one Load of Wood in course of the Winter		
To Moses Warren Junʳ in full for a pair of Shoes delᵈ Mary Learned	1,,	25
To Col. Moses Coolidge & others a Committee for the East School in full for said Districts proportion of Money for the Year 1801	166,,	66
To Nathˡ R. Whitney & others a Committee for the Middle School in full for Ditto	166,,	66
To Col. Moses Coolidge in full for supporting Spencer Godding in his late Sickneſs	62,,	—
To James Simmons in full for making a Bell-wheel	8,,	—
To Doctor Marshall Spring in full for Medicines & attendance on Joseph Child	18,,	—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathˡ Weld Innholder in Watertown on the 1ᵗ Day of February AD 1802——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names—(Viz)—

	Dollˢ	*Cᵗˢ*
To Daniel Mason in full of his Accᵗ for fencing Stuff	4,,	17
To Isaac Dana in full for Plank for the Creek-bridge	29,,	90
To Ditto in full for Labor &c. at Ditto	5,,	96
To Thaddeus Cole in full for mending Windows in poor house	3,,	87
To Joseph Peirce in full Plank for the Bridge &c	1,,	91
To Moses Hagar in full for supporting Joseph Child & Family to this Day	34,,	—

To————& others a Committee for the West School in full for said Districts proportion for the Year 1801 — — — — — — — — — — — — — 166,, 66

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the first Day of March AD 1802——They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting—(Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifteenth Day of March Instant, at nine of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1[t] To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2[d] To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March, & April Annually————
3[d] To choose a Sexton and agree how he shall be paid for his Services————
4th To determine whether Swine, or Neat's Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same; and act any thing thereon—
6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon————
7th To grant Money to support the Great-bridge, & act any thing thereon————
8th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon————
9th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts————
10th To hear the Accounts of those persons, the Town is indebted to, and act any thing thereon————

11th To hear the Reports of any Committees, & act any thing thereon————

12th To agree how the Fishery shall be improv'd the ensuing Year, and act any thing thereon————

13th To know if the Town will make any repairs to the Meeting-house, and act any thing thereon————

14th To know if the Town, will purchase any Lands contiguous to the Alms-house, for the accommodation thereof, & act any thing thereon⸗

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15th To know if the Town will procure a Waggon for the use of the Engine & act any thing thereon————

16th To know if the Town will provide any uniform for the Militia Company & act any thing thereon————

17th To know if the Town will sell their Fire-arms, Axes & Pick-axes, & act any thing thereon————

18th To know if the Town will erect a Powder-house, & act any thing thereon————

19th To know if the Town will accept of the Road from the Northerly side of the Great-bridge, extending over the Creek-bridge, to the great Country-road, laid out by the Selectmen, & act any thing thereon————

Also, You are alike required to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifteenth Day of March Instant, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer—

You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town, on Monday the Eighth Day of March Instant, at six of the Clock PM. Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon, to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown, the first Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand, Eight hundred & two⸗

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Luke Bemis

Selectmen for Watertown⸗

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the eighth Day of March AD 1802——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Doll[s]	Cts
To William Hunt Esq[r] in full for Service as an Aſsesſor in 1800 — — — — — — — — — — — —	24,,	—
To Charles Bond in full for Ditto — — — — —	24,,	—
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for Ditto — — —	24,,	—
To Ditto in full for his Service as Treasurer in 1800 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	40,,	—
To Ditto in full of his Acc[t] for Supplies delivered the poor — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,,	60
To John Fowle in full of his Acc[t] for Ditto — —	23,,	97
To Moses White in full for carting a Load of Plank from Boston — — — — — — — — — —	2,,	—
To Jonas Wood in full for Meal delivered Stephen Harris on Acc[t] of Nath[l] Harris's Note	16,,	75
To Amos Livermore & others a Committee to pay for rebuilding the Bridge over Charles River — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	582,,	82
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Interest paid Charles Bond — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	12,,	—
To Ditto for paying Abigail Goddard for supporting Rachel Goddard the Year past $1,, 50 ℔ Week — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		
To Ditto for Cash paid Nath[l] Weld for Committee's Expences on 1[t] of last June — — — — —	2,,	—
To Ditto for Cash paid Joseph Daniels for Wood	2,,	73
To Ditto for Cash paid Luda Harris for mending Sam[l] Jennisons Shoes — — — — — — — — —	—,,	58
To Ditto for Cash paid Nath[l] Weld for Committees Expence — — — — — — — — — — —	1,,	—
To Ditto for Cash paid Hezekiah Miller for Service at the Creek-bridge — — — — — — —	—,,	60
To Ditto for Cash paid Edward Hawes for a Load of Wood delivered Joseph Child — — —	3,,	22

To Ditto for Cash paid John Pratt for Wood —	4,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Daniel Coolidge for Ditto delivered Joseph Child — — — — — —	3,, 73
To Ditto for Cash paid Jacob Brown for Ditto delivered Samuel Jennison — — — — — — —	3,, 6
To Ditto for Cash paid Jeſse Pratt for Ditto delivered Ditto — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 50
To Ditto for Cash paid Ephraim Ware for Ditto delᵈ Joseph Child — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 50
To Charles Bond in full of his Accᵗ — — — —	21,, —
To Daniel Coolidge in full of his Premium for collecting Taxes — — — — — — — — — —	
To Jonathan Stone in full for Ditto — — — —	

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifteenth Day of March AD 1802—for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose William Hunt Esqʳ Moderator———
Voted & chose Nathˡ R. Whitney Town Clerk, & he was sworn into said Office by William Hunt Esqʳ Moderator
Voted & chose Nathˡ R. Whitney Town Treaſurer—

Voted & chose for Seleƈtmen—	William Hunt Esqʳ Amos Bond Esqʳ Nathˡ R. Whitney Col. Moses Coolidge Capᵗ Luke Bemis—
Voted & chose for Aſseſsors—	William Hunt Esqʳ Nathˡ R. Whitney Charles Bond
Voted & chose for Constables—	Capᵗ John Fowle Daniel Sawin

Capᵗ John Fowle inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Charles Bond to serve as Constable in his stead———

Also Daniel Sawin inform'd the Town that he has agreed Edward Lowd to serve as Constable in his stead———— Voted to excuse Cap[t] John Fowle & Daniel Sawin from serving as Constables—

Voted & chose for Constables— { Charles Bond / Edward Lowd

And they were sworn into said Office, by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

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Voted & chose for Fence-viewers— { Charles Bond & was excus'd— / Daniel Coolidge / William Winchester / Elisha Livermore

Voted & chose for Tythingmen— { Israel Cook / Daniel Bernard

It was voted to postpone the Choice of Surveyors of Highways until this Afternoon—

Voted & chose for Field-drivers— { William Leathe / Daniel Coolidge / Peter Clark / David Livermore

Voted & chose for Hogreeves— { Adam Brown & was excus'd / Daniel Bond / David Stone / James Bernard / Nath[l] Bright / John Merchant

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market { Nath[l] R. Whitney / Cap[t] John George

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves { Deacon Samuel Holt / Cap[t] Abner Craft

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber { Cap[t] William Bond / Isaac Dana

Voted & chose for Firewards—

- Samuel Wellington
- James Robbins
- Cap[t] Nath[l] Bemis
- Nath[l] Weld
- Col. Chris[r] Grant
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Col. Moses Coolidge

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Pound keeper————

Voted & chose Paul Learned Sexton, & Voted to grant him twenty three Dollars for his Services————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to two of the Clock this Afternoon, then to meet at this place————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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In the Afternoon the Town-meeting was open'd at the Public Meeting-house in said Town for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer

The Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that the Honb. Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] had sixty one Votes————

Then the Meeting was open'd at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, by Adjournment, from the Forenoon & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted that Swine shall not run at large the ensuing Year—

It was voted to dismiſs the Article respecting Neat's Cattle running at large the ensuing Year————

It was voted to grant five hundred Dollars for support of the Schools the ensuing Year, & that it be expended in the same way & manner as it was the last Year————

It was voted to postpone granting Money to support the poor to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

It was voted to postpone granting Money to repair the Great-bridge to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

It was voted to grant the same Sum for repairing the Highways, & that the price of Labor be the same as it was the last Year—

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways — Col. Moses Coolidge, Capt Luke Bemis, Francis Bright, Peter Clark

Voted & chose for a Committee to examine the Town Treasurer's Accounts — Capt Nath[l] Bemis, William Hunt Esq[r], Jonas White

	Doll[s]	Cts
It was voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney for his Service as Treasurer & Clerk last Year — — —	50,,	—
Also, To Charles Bond for his Service as an Afsefsor last Year — — — — — — — — — — —	34,,	50
Also, To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Ditto — — —	34,,	50
Also, To William Hunt Esq[r] for Ditto — — —	34,,	50

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The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Town Treasurer's Accounts was read & it appear'd that

Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treas[r] is credited by —	7342,, 44
And is charg'd with — — — — — — — —	7137,, 41
Balance due the Treasurer — — — — —	$205,, 3

The above is a just and true statement of the Treasurer's Accounts to the 13th Day of March AD 1802—as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same—

William Hunt, Moses White } Committee

It was voted to accept the Report of said Committee as you may see on file————

Voted that Amos Bond Esq[r] William Stone & Nath[l] R. Whitney be a Committee to examine Deacon Jedidiah Leathes List of Taxes, & make a statement of the same, & make Report to the Town at April Meeting————

The Committee appointed on the fourth Day of August AD 1800 presented the Contract made with Weston & Waltham (by their Agents) which was read & is as follows (Viz)—

This Indenture tripartite made this first Day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one,

between the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown of the first part, The Inhabitants of the Town of Weston, of the second part, And the Inhabitants of the Town of Waltham of the third part——Witneſseth. That whereas the Inhabitants of the Towns aforesaid stand chargeable for the Support and maintenance of the Great-bridge in Watertown over Charles River in proportion as they severally stand in the State Valuation; and whereas the General Court of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts by an Act and Law which paſsed the second Day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, granted to the Towns aforesaid the right to sell and regulate the times and places and manner of taking the fish called Shad and Alewives within the limits of said Towns the proceeds to be divided between said Towns

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In proportion as they pay towards said Bridge; And whereas the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown for and in consideration that the Inhabitants of the Towns of Weston & Waltham have agreed to grant sell and convey to the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown the sole right to sell and regulate the times places and manner of taking said Fish within the limits of the Town of Watertown and the proceeds to convert to their own use, have agreed that the Inhabitants of the Towns of Weston and Waltham shall severally be discharged from contributing any further to the support, maintenance, building or widening the same Bridge forever—Now therefore know ye. That the said Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown in consideration of said agreement and of the Releases and Covenants herein after mentioned, made and to be kept and performed by the said Inhabitants of Weston & Waltham, doth hereby release and discharge the said Inhabitants of the said Towns of Weston and Waltham jointly and severally from all Demands, Actions, and Causes of Actions which they the said Inhabitants of Watertown have either jointly or severally against them the said Inhabitants of Weston and Waltham; and the said Inhabitants of Watertown for the Consideration aforesaid do hereby release and discharge the said Inhabitants of Weston and Waltham jointly and severally from contributing any further forever hereafter towards the Maintenance of the Bridge in Watertown over Charles River; and the said Inhabitants of Watertown do further release, and quit claim unto them the said Inhabitants of Weston and Waltham jointly and severally, all the right, title and Interest which they have in & to the

Shad and Alewive fishery, within the limits of the said Towns of Weston and Waltham in virtue of an Act paſsed on the second Day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, Entitled "An Act authorising the Inhabitants of the Towns of Watertown Weston and Waltham, in the County of Middlesex to regulate the taking of fish called Shad and Alewives within the limits of the said Towns"—And the said Inhabitants of Weston, in

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Consideration of the release and discharge aforesaid of the said Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, do hereby release and discharge the said Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, from all Demands, Actions and causes of action, which they the said Inhabitants of Weston have against them the said Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, either severally or jointly, with the Inhabitants of the Town of Waltham; and the said Inhabitants of the Town of Weston, for the Considerations aforesaid, do hereby release and quit claim unto them the said Inhabitants of Watertown all the right title and Interest which they have, either severally, or jointly with the Inhabitants of Waltham aforesaid, in and to the Shad and Alewive fishery, within the limits of the said Town of Watertown, in virtue of the Act aforesaid; and the said Inhabitants of Weston for the Consideration aforesaid, do covenant with the said Inhabitants of Watertown, that they may receive and convert to their own use, their, the said Inhabitants of Weston's proportion of the proceeds of the sale of said fishery, in the Year seventeen hundred and Ninety nine, and the said Inhabitants of the Town of Weston, do further covenant with the said Inhabitants of Watertown that they will forthwith pay them the Sum of seven Dollars & fifty Cents—And the said Inhabitants of Weston do further covenant with the said Inhabitants of Watertown, that they will annually, hereafter appoint an Agent to join with such Agents as may be appointed by the said Inhabitants of Watertown to regulate and sell the fishery aforesaid within the limits of said Town of Watertown; provided the appointment of such Agent shall be adjudged necefsary, to secure to the said Town of Watertown the benefit of said fishery, and they the said Inhabitants of Weston shall be duly notified thereof—And the said Inhabitants of the Town of Waltham in consideration of the release and discharge aforesaid of the said In-

habitants of Watertown, do hereby release and discharge the said Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, from all demands Action and causes of action which they the said Inhabitants of Waltham have against them the said Inhabitants of Watertown; either severally or jointly with the said Inhabitants of Weston; and the said Inhabitants of Waltham for the consideration aforesaid, do hereby release and quit claim unto them the said Inhabitants of Watertown all the right title and Interest which they have either

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Severally or jointly with the Town of Weston aforesaid in and to the Shad and Alewive fishery, within the limits of the said Town of Watertown in virtue of the Act aforesaid; and the said Inhabitants of Waltham for the consideration aforesaid, do covenant with the said Inhabitants of Watertown that they may receive and convert to their own use, their the said Inhabitants of Walthams proportion of the proceeds of the Sale of the said fishery in the Year seventeen hundred and ninety nine; and the said Inhabitants of Waltham do further covenant with the said Inhabitants of Watertown, that they will forthwith pay them the Sum of seven Dollars and fifty Cents—And the said Inhabitants of Waltham do further covenant with the said Inhabitants of Watertown that they will annually, hereafter appoint an Agent to join with such Agents as may be appointed by the said Inhabitants of Watertown to regulate and sell the fishery aforesaid within the limits of said Town of Watertown; provided the appointment of such Agent shall be adjudged necefsary to secure to the said Town of Watertown the benefit of said Fishery, and they the said Inhabitants of Waltham shall be duly notified thereof———

In Witnefs of all which the Inhabitants of the said Towns of Watertown, Weston and Waltham by the underwritten Subscribers their Agents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and Seals the Day and Year first before written—

Signed, Sealed & delivered
in presence of us—

Abijah White
Thos H. Bray

Abner Sanderson
Jonathan Coolidge
Wm Fisk
William Wellington

Agents of Waltham

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Francis Faulkner
} Agents of Watertown

Eben[r] Hobbs
Isaac Lamson
John Slack
} Agents of Weston

It was voted to accept of the foregoing Contract, and to have it recorded

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It was voted to choose two Agents to lease the fishery

Voted & chose for said Agents { Amos Bond Esq[r] / William Hunt Esq[r]

Voted that said Agents be directed to procure Seines for the fishery———

13th It was voted to dismiſs the Article in respect to repairing the Meeting house———

14th It was voted to choose a Committee to view the Lands contiguous to the Alms-house, & see if they think it neceſsary for the Town to purchase any Lands for the accommodation of said House, and make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting

Voted & chose for said Committee { Cap[t] John Fowle / Maj[r] Moses White / M[r] Jonas White & was excus'd / M[r] Thomas Clark

It was voted to excuse the Committee that was appointed on the sixth Day of last April to repair the Meeting house—

15th It was voted to choose a Committee to procure a Waggon for the Engine

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath[l] Weld / Nath[l] Bemis / Moses White

It was voted to grant seventy Dollars to procure said Waggon———

16th Article was voted to be dismiſs'd———

17th Voted to choose a Committee to look up the Towns Fire-arms, Axes & Pick-axes, & make sale of them at Auction—

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Adam Brown, Nath[l] Bemis, Luke Bemis

18th Article was voted to be dismiſs'd———

19th Voted that the Selectmen be directed to lay out the Road from the Northerly side of the Great-bridge extending over the Creek-bridge to the great Country-road, thirty feet wide—

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town, in one Hour from this time———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

The Meeting was open'd at the House of Nath[l] Weld at the time aforementioned by Adjournment from the Meeting house & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

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It was voted to farm the collection of State, County, Town & Ministers Taxes to the lowest bidder under the same restrictions as they were the last Year———

The collection of the East List of State, County, Town & Minister's Taxes were put up & struck of to David Stone for four pence on the pound———

The collection of the West List of Ditto were put up & struck of to Moses Chenery for five pence & one fourth on the pound———

Voted & chose David Stone & Moses Chenery Collectors of Taxes———

And they were sworn into said Office by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

Also, The Hay scales were put up at Auction for the term of one Year, on the following Conditions (Viz) The person who shall hire them is to give Bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the payment, & if any repairs are neceſsary the person who hires them shall apply to the Selectmen—— And they were struck of to Deacon Jedidiah Leathe for forty two Dollars———

Also, The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown was put up at Auction for the term of one Year, & was struck of to Col. Moses Coolidge for One Dollar & fifty Cents————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices which they were chosen this Day (Viz)⸗

Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer by Amos Bond Esq[r]
William Hunt Esq[r] Nath[l] R. Whitney & Charles Bond were sworn into the Office of Aſsesſors by Amos Bond Esq[r]
Daniel Coolidge, William Winchester & Elisha Livermore Fence-viewers————
William Leathe & Peter Clark Field-drivers————
Daniel Bond, David Stone, James Bernard, Nath[l] Bright & John Merchant, Hogreeves————
Moses Coolidge, Luke Bemis, & Peter Clark Surveyors of Highways——Jedidiah Leathe Hay weigher were sworn by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

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March 22[d] AD 1802 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifth Day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seals, Dated

at Watertown the twenty second Day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & two—

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown—

At a Meeting of the Agents of the Town of Watertown (chosen to lease the fishery) held at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 29th Day of March AD 1802——They leas'd to Edmund Fowle for the term of one Year, All the privilege & Right of taking the Fish called Shad & Alewives within the limits of Watertown, below the old Mill dam (so called) on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in each Week accounting twenty four Hours for each Day for three hundred & twelve Dollars——And he paid ten Dollars as earnest Money—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the fifth Day of April AD 1802, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators & Counsellors——The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was revis'd & read——And the Votes for a Governor were called for brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names (Viz)

For Governor—

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq[r] had — — — 21 Votes
The Honb. Elbridge Gerry Esq[r] had — — — — 96

For Lieutenant Governor—

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq[r] had — — — 6 Votes
William Heath Esq[r] had — — 62
Edward H. Robbins Esq[r] had — 34
Elbridge Gerry Esq[r] had — — 2
Amos Bond Esq[r] had — — — 1

For Senators & Counsellors

Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] had — — —	27 Votes
Josiah Bartlet Esq[r] had — — —	31
Timothy Biglow Esq[r] had — —	27
Jonathan Maynard Esq[r] had —	68
Aaron Hill Esq[r] had — — — —	67
William Hildreth Esq[r] had — —	65
William Hull Esq[r] had — — —	69
Daniel Whitney Esq[r] had — —	12
Timothy Jackson Esq[r] had —	16
James Bancroft Esq[r] had — —	2

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth Day of April AD 1802; by adjournment from the fifteenth Day of last March proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted that the Seleƈtmen be directed to appoint three Measurers of Wood————

Voted to grant five hundred & fifty Dollars to support the poor the ensuing Year————

14th Article, Voted to postpone until the adjournment of this Meeting, and that the Committee appointed on the fifteenth Day of last March to view the Lands contiguous to the Alms-house be directed & empowered to ascertain the Bounds of the Land belonging to the Town contiguous to the Alms house, & if they judge it neceſsary to purchase any Lands for the accommodation thereof that they be directed to know on what terms the Lands may be purchas'd for the purpose aforesaid, & make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting————

It was voted to grant Col. Christopher Grant in full of his Acc[t] for his Service as a Surveyor of Highways last Year thirteen Dollars & fifty Cents————

It was voted to grant for the Seleƈtmens Expences last Year twenty three Dollars & eighty seven Cents————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third Day of May next at three of the Clock in the Afternoon————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

April 17th AD 1802 The Selectmen agreed with Joel Wellington to support the following poor persons (Viz) Ruth Maddocks, Mary Learned Daniel Waters, & Pegg a Mulattoe Woman from the 23d Day of April Instant to the first Day of April next at the rate of twenty five Dollars for each of the aforenamed poor persons ℔ Year, to be paid quarterly as it shall become due————

Also, They iſsued the following Warrants for a Town-meeting on the 23d Day of April Instant (Viz)—

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown (in the West-district conforming to the division of the Tax-bills,) qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Friday the twenty third Day of April Instant at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To know if the Town will choose a Committee to prosecute any person or persons who have, or shall violate the Law respecting the taking of Shad and Alewives within the limits of the Town of Watertown, and act any thing thereon————
3d To grant Money to defray the Expences thereof, and act any thing thereon——Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the seventeenth Day of April, In the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred & two—

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nathl R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown (in the East-district conforming to the division of the Tax-bills,) qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Friday the twenty third Day of April Instant, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

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1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2^d To know if the Town will choose a Committee to prosecute any person, or persons who have, or shall violate the Law respecting the taking of Shad and Alewives within the limits of the Town of Watertown, and act any thing thereon————

3^d To grant Money to defray the Expences thereof, and act any thing thereon——Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the seventeenth Day of April, In the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & two—

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nathl R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown—

April 19th AD 1802 Francis Bright was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Friday the twenty third Day of April AD 1802 for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrants for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr Moderator

2d It was voted to choose a Committee to prosecute or cause to be prosecuted any person or persons who have, or shall violate the Law respecting the taking of Shad and Alewives within the limits of the Town of Watertown————

It was voted to choose a Committee of three persons for the purposes aforesaid—

Voted & chose for said Committee— { Samuel Wellington, Edmund Fowle, Thomas Clark

It was voted to give the Committee aforesaid discretionary directions to make any compromise with any person, or persons who have violated or shall violate the Law respecting the taking of Shad and Alewives within the limits of the Town of Watertown, & act any thing thereon, as they shall judge will be for the Interest of the Town——It was voted to grant sixteen hundred sixty six Dollars & sixty six Cents for the purposes aforesaid————

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

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April 23d 1802 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town, being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the third Day of May next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting—— Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the twenty third Day of April In the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two—

William Hunt Amos Bond Moses Coolidge Nath[l] R. Whitney Luke Bemis	Selectmen for Watertown

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the third Day of May AD 1802 by adjournment from the fifth Day of last April proceeded as follows (Viz)

It was voted to abate all the Taxes that are not collected in Deacon Jedidiah Leathes List————

Voted that the Committee appointed to examine Deacon Jedidiah Leathes List of Taxes, & make a statement of them to the Town be empowered to make a final settlement with him————

The Committee appointed to view the Land contiguous to the Alms house made a verbal report that they have viewed the Land & that they do not think it neceſsary to purchase any Lands for the accommodation of said House, & that they have not fully ascertained the bounds of the Lands adjoining the Alms house

It was voted to accept the Report of said Committee———

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It was voted to adjourn this Meeting until the buſineſs of the Town-meeting for the Choice of Representative is completed—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the third Day of May AD 1802——for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant; the Selectmen presiding the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that Amos Bond Esq[r] was chosen————

Then the Town-meeting was open'd by adjournment from this Afternoon & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted to excuse Daniel Coolidge from serving as a Field-driver———

It was voted to reconsider the Vote paſsed on the fifteenth Day of last March, to dismiſs the Article in respect to repairing the Meeting-house so far as that it may lay open for debate———
It was voted to repair the Meeting house———
It was voted that if any of the Money granted by the Town on the twenty third Day of last April to carry on a prosecution against any person or persons who have or may violate the Law respecting the taking of Shad & Alewives within the limits of Watertown, can be spared, that it be appropriated to repair the Meeting-house———
Voted to choose a Committee of five persons to repair the Meeting house—

Voted & chose for said Committee—

- Mr Jonas White
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Col Moses Coolidge
- William Hunt Esqr
- Mr Thomas Clark

It was voted not to build a Porch in front of the Meeting house———

It was voted to procure two tin Machines for bathing, one for Adults & one for Children———
Voted that the Selectmen with the aſsistance of Doctor Marshall Spring be directed to procure the said Machines for bathing—

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May 12th AD 1802 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrants for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown (in the West-district conforming to the Division of the Tax-bills,) qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to

meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the seventeenth Day of May Instant, at six of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To know if the Town will choose Agents to appear at any Court of General Seſsions of the peace to be holden within & for the County of Middlesex, to approve, or disapprove of any Roads contemplated to be laid out through the Town of Watertown, & act any thing thereon——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown this twelfth Day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and two⸗

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Nath[l] R. Whitney } Selectmen for Watertown⸗

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown (in the East-district conforming to the division of the Tax bills,) qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventeenth Day of May Instant, at six of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

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1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To know if the Town will choose Agents to appear at any Court of General Seſsions of the peace to be holden within & for the County of Middlesex, to approve, or disapprove of any Roads contemplated to be laid out through the Town of Watertown, & act any thing thereon——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seals, at Watertown this twelfth Day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two⸗

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Nath[l] R. Whitney } Selectmen for Watertown⸗

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventeenth Day of May AD 1802——for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrants for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr Moderator————

2d Voted to choose three Agents to appear at any Court of General Seſsions of the peace to be holden within & for the County of Middlesex, to approve or disapprove of any Roads contemplated to be laid out through the Town of Watertown—

Voted & chose for said Agents { William Hunt Esqr / Amos Bond Esqr / Mr Thomas Clark

Voted that the Agents aforesaid be empowered to employ one, or more Attornies, if they shall judge it neceſsary in behalf of said Town, or in conjunction with any other Town, or Towns to oppose any Road or Roads contemplated to be laid out to the detriment of the Town of Watertown————

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to draw an Order on the Treasurer for any Sum of Money that may be neceſsary for the purposes aforesaid————
It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Wellington Innholder in Watertown on the seventh Day of June AD 1802——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their several Names (Viz)—

	Dollrs	Cts
To Joel Wellington including what you have paid him in full of his Acct for supporting the poor to the 23d of April — — — — — — — — —	152,,	15
To Hellen Norcroſs in full of her Acct for knitting Seines — — — — — — — — — — —	17,,	98
To William Thompson in full of his Acct for Plank & Timber to repair the Creek-bridge —	19,,	77

To David Brewer in full of his Acc[t] for supporting Nabby Coolidge & for her funeral Charges &c — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	49,, 17
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Enoch Hyde for carting a Barrel of tar from Boston — — —	—,, 37
To Abner Craft in full of his Acc[t] for knitting Seines &c — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	31,, 79
To David Sanger in full for Principal & Interest on his Note — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
To Oliver Learned in full for the Interest on his Note — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	

August 4th AD 1802 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixteenth Day of August Instant at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———

2[d] To know if the Town will choose Agents to appear at the Court of Common pleas next to be holden at Concord, on the Monday next preceeding the second Tuesday of September next (or at any other Court) to contest the Demand of the Town of Shirley against the Town of Watertown for the Support of the Widow Sarah White and Lucy her Daughter, & act any thing thereon—

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3[d] To know if the Town will choose Agents to appear at any Court to contest the Demand of the Town of Newton against the Town of Watertown for the Support of a Child of James Symmes Deceas'd or any other Pauper, & act any thing thereon———

4th To know if the Town will have a Porch erected at the front Door of the Meeting house, & act any thing thereon—

5th To know if the Town will direct the Selectmen to keep the Pump in the square, near Nath[l] Weld's House in repair, & act any thing thereon——Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting, Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the fourth Day of August, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & two—

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the sixteenth Day of August AD 1802—for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose William Hunt Esq[r] Moderator————

2d Voted to choose three Agents to appear at the Court of Common pleas next to be holden at Concord, on the Monday next preceding the second Tuesday of September next (or at any other Court) to contest the Demand of the Town of Shirley against the Town of Watertown for the Support of the Widow Sarah White & Lucy her Daughter, & act any thing thereon as they may judge necessary—

Voted & chose for said Agents { William Hunt Esq[r] / Amos Bond Esq[r] / M[r] Thomas Clark

3d Voted to choose three Agents to appear at any Court to contest the Demand of the Town of Newton against the Town of Watertown for the Support of a Child of James Symmes Deceas'd, or any other Pauper, & act any thing thereon as they may judge proper—

Voted & chose for said Agents { William Hunt Esq[r] / Amos Bond Esq[r] / M[r] Thomas Clark

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4th Voted that the Committee appointed to repair the Meeting house shall have Liberty to erect a Porch at the front Door of the Meeting house, provided it can be erected free from any extra Expence to the Town————

5th Article was voted to be dismiſs'd

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Wellington Innholder in Watertown on Monday the thirteenth Day of September AD 1802 They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive Licence for the ensuing Year (Viz)

For Innholders
- Jonathan Bird
- Samˡ Wellington
- Nathˡ Weld
- Thaddeus Cole

For Retailers
- James Robbins
- John Fowle
- Moses White
- John George
- Jeremiah Fowle
- John Merchant
- Artemas Murdock

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Wellington Innholder in Watertown on Monday the fourth Day of October AD 1802—They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

	Dollˢ	Ctˢ
To Artemas Murdock in full for Wine at Wᵐ Blavers funeral ————————	—,,	94
To Isaac Dana in full for a Coffin for William Blaver ————————	3,,	50
To Ebenʳ Vose in full for a Coffin for Ephraim Warren $3,,50 & for fixing five Net-bows 2,,—	5,,	50
To Joseph Child in full for his Service in attending on Ephraim Warren in his last Sickneſs —	6,,	—
	15,,	94

October 19th 1802 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Common wealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representatives, in the General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz) the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the first Day of November next, being the first Monday in said Month, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex-district————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting, Given under our Hands & Seals, Dated at Watertown the nineteenth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & two

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first Day of November AD 1802, being the first Monday in said Month for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex-district——

The Selectmen presiding the Votes were called for brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that the following persons hereafter named, had the number of Votes annexd their Names (Viz)

The Honb. Joseph B. Varnum Esqr had — — — 43 Votes
The Honb. Timothy Biglow Esqr had — — — 15
The Revd Samuel Kendall had — — — — — — 1

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Wellington Innholder in Watertown on Monday the tenth Day of January AD 1803—They appointed the following persons to serve as Engine-men, until the first Monday in May next (Viz)—

Elias Twiſs	Ellis Prentice
Joseph Peirce	Nath[l] Weld Jun[r]
Thomas Annis	Leonard Mellen
John Tucker	Tho[s] H. Bray
Aaron Dana	Jonathan Alden
Benjamin Mirick	Thomas Heard
Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r]	Jonathan Child

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Wellington Innholder in Watertown on Friday the twenty fifth Day of February AD 1803—They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Charles Bond one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of March next, at nine of the Clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2[d] To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March, & April annually————
3[d] To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his Services————
4th To determine whether Swine, or Neat's Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon—

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5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, and act any thing thereon——
6th To grant Money to support the poor & act any thing thereon————

7th To grant Money to support the Great-bridge & act any thing thereon————

8th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon————

9th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts————

10th To hear the Accounts of those persons, the Town is indebted to, and act any thing thereon————

11th To hear the Report of any Committees, & act any thing thereon————

12th To agree how the fishery shall be improv'd the ensuing Year, and act any thing thereon————

13th To know if the Town will choose Agents to hear the Complaint, or Complaints of any persons respecting Damages reported by a Committee of the Court of Sefsions to Individuals of the Town in consequence of a Public-road laid out from Concord to Cambridge through their Lands, and agreeing to a Committee to ascertain said Damages in lieu of a Jury for that purpose, to be appointed by the Court of Sefsions, and act any thing thereon————

14th To know if the Town will permit the Members of the Meridian Lodge to erect a Hall over the brick School-house in the Middle-district, for their Use & improvement, & at their own Expense & act any thing thereon————

15th To know if the Town will choose a Committee to make sale of any Lands belonging to the Town, & act any thing thereon————

16th To know if the Town will choose a Committee to ascertain the boundaries of any Lands belonging to the Town & act any thing thereon————

17th To know if the Town will extend Treadeways-bridge (so called) as far as the Mill-creek & act any thing thereon——

Also, You are alike required to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of March next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer——

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Wellington Innholder in said Town on Friday

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The fourth Day of March next, at six of the Clock PM. Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings————

Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the twenty fifth Day of February, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & three—

William Hunt
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Wellington Innholder in Watertown on Friday the fourth Day of March AD 1803——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To William Hunt Esq[r] in full for his Service as an Aſsesſor in 1801 — — — — — — — — — —	34,, 50
To Charles Bond in full for Ditto — — — — —	34,, 50
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for Ditto — — —	34,, 50
To Ditto in full for his Service as Treasurer in 1801 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	50,, —
To Christopher Grant in full for his Service as a Surveyor of Highways — — — — — — — — —	13,, 50
To Joseph Peirce in full for guilding the Weather-cock & Ball for the Meeting-house — — — —	12,, —
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for Supplies delivered the poor — — — — — — — — — — —	65,, 84
To Ditto in full for carting Lumber for the Meeting house — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 25
To Moses Coolidge in full of his Acc[t] for procuring Materials &c. to repair the Meeting-house — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	274,, 15
To Ditto in full of his Acc[t] for mending a Plough &c — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9,, 85
To Walter Hunnewell in full for attendance on Phin[s] Nutting — — — — — — — — — — — —	10,, —
To Charles Bond in full of his Acc[t] — — — —	55,, 71

To Edward Lowd in full for warning two Town meetings	2,, 50
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Enoch Hyde in full of two Acc[ts]	1,, 12
To Ditto for Cash paid Abr[a] Whitney & others for repairing Seines	10,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Henry Craft in full of his Acc[t]	27,, 27
To Ditto for Cash paid Walter Hunnewell for Medicines & attendance on the poor	22,, 36
To Ditto for Cash paid Craft, Coolidge & Lowd in full for their Services in painting the Great-bridge &c	21,, 62

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To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid John Stimpson in full	—,, 50
To Ditto for Cash paid Phin[s] Whitney in full for Oyl	40,, 93
To Ditto for Cash paid Samuel Wellington in full of his Acc[t]	3,, 25
To Ditto for Cash paid Amos Bond in full of John Osborns Acc[t]	102,, 61
To Ditto for Cash paid Ditto for procuring Seines	46,, 84
To Ditto for Cash paid Abraham Whitney in full	—,, 50
To Ditto for Cash paid Samuel Dana in full —	7,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Henry Craft in full — —	23,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Dorcas Vila in full for knitting Seine	12,, 39
To Ditto for Cash paid Edmund Fowle in full for procuring Twine &c. for Seines for the fishery	97,, 72
To Constant Freeman keeper of the Alms house in Boston for the Support of Abigail Green — —	43,, 43
To Nath[l] Weld in full of his Acc[t] for Selectmens Expences	23,, 87

To Abigail Goddard in full for boarding Rachel Goddard the Year past $1,, 50 ℔ Week — —

To Daniel Sawin in full for supporting Ephraim Warren in his last Sickneſs & for his funeral Charges — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 115,, —

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of March AD 1803, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr Moderator————
Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk & he was sworn into said office by William Hunt Esqr Moderator——
Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Town Treasurer—

Voted & chose for Selectmen
- William Hunt Esqr
- Amos Bond Esqr
- Col. Moses Coolidge
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Capt Luke Bemis

Voted & chose for Aſseſsors
- William Hunt Esqr
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Charles Bond

Voted & chose Capt Nathl Bemis Constable; And he inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Edward Lowd to serve as Constable in his stead————
It was voted to excuse Capt Nathl Bemis from serving as Constable

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Voted & chose Edward Lowd Constable, And he was sworn into said Office by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk—
Voted & chose Jonathan Brown Constable—

Voted & chose for Fence-viewers—
- Peter Clark
- Paul Learned
- Charles Bond

Voted & chose for Tything-men
- James Bernard
- William Stone

It was voted to postpone the Choice of Surveyors of Highways until this Afternoon.

Voted & chose for Field-drivers.	Moses Chenery Samuel Brigham James Simmons William Leathe
Voted & chose for Hogreeves	Capt William Bond William Winchester Majr Adam Brown Ebenezer Chenery Nath[l] Harrington David Livermore
Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market.	Nath[l] R. Whitney Capt John George
Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves.	Samuel Holt Capt Abner Craft
Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber.	Capt William Bond Isaac Dana
Voted & chose for Firewards	Samuel Wellington James Robbins Capt Nath[l] Bemis Nath[l] Weld Charles Bond Amos Bond Esqr Col. Moses Coolidge

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney a Pound-keeper———
Voted & chose Paul Learned Sexton——And voted to grant him twenty three Dollars for his Service the ensuing Year———
Voted that Swine shall not run at large the ensuing Year——
Voted that Neat Cattle shall not run at large the ensuing Year———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting, to two of the Clock this Afternoon then to meet at this place———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared, adjourn'd.

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In the Afternoon the Meeting was open'd (at the Public Meeting-house in said Town,) of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified to vote in the Choice of Repre-

sentatives for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting——The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the Honb. Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] had forty eight Votes————

Then the Town-meeting was open'd by adjournment from the forenoon & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to grant six hundred Dollars to support the Schools the ensuing Year————
It was voted to have the Money equally divided between the three Schools for their Support as it was the last Year————
Voted that each District be empowered to choose a Committee from among them to expend their Money for the benefit of the Schools————

Voted to postpone granting Money to support the poor the ensuing Year until the Adjournment of this Meeting

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to procure a sufficient quantity of Plank for the Great-bridge, & that they be directed to draw an Order on the Treasurer to pay for the Expense of them out of the rent of the fishery, or any other Money that may be in the Treasury————

It was voted to grant the same Sum for repairing the Highways, & the same price for Labor as it was the last Year————
It was voted to choose four Surveyors of Highways for the ensuing Year

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways— { Edmund Fowle, Jonas White, Nath[l] Bright, Joseph Bright }

Voted & chose for a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts— { Cap[t] Nath[l] Bemis, William Hunt Esq[r], Thomas Clark Esq[r] }

10th Article was voted to be postponed until the Adjournment of this Meeting————
11th Article was voted to be postponed until the Adjournment of this Meeting————
12th It was voted to choose two Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year—

Voted & chose for said Agents { Amos Bond Esqr / William Hunt Esqr

13th Article was voted to be postponed until the Adjournment of this Meeting—

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14th It was voted to choose a Committee to confer with a Committee from the Meridian Lodge respecting their erecting a Hall over the Brick School-house in the Middle-district for their use & improvement, & to be done at their own expense, & make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee { James Robbins / Jonas White / Maj^r Adam Brown

15th It was voted to choose a Committee to judge of the convenience of making sale of any Lands belonging to the Town & make report at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee { William Hunt Esqr / Nathl R. Whitney / Amos Livermore

16th It was voted that the Selectmen (together with those persons who purchas'd the Land contiguous the Almshouse) be directed to ascertain the boundaries of said Land, & any other Lands belonging to the Town, the Selectmen are directed to make permanent & lasting bounds————

17th It was voted to choose a Committee to investigate the right of the Town, respecting the Lands adjoining Treadeways-bridge (so called) & consider the neceſsity of extending said Bridge, as far as the Mill Creek; & calculate the Expense the same will amount to, & make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee { William Hunt Esqr / Amos Bond Esqr / Nathl R. Whitney

It was voted to reconsider the Vote that paſsed this Day (that Neat Cattle shall not run at large the ensuing Year) so far as that they may go at large from the fifteenth Day of next November, to the first Day of April————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Samuel Wellington, at five of the Clock this Afternoon——
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

The Town meeting was open'd at the House of Samuel Wellington Innholder in Watertown on the seventh Day of March AD 1803, by Adjournment from the Meeting-house this Day, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

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It was voted to farm the collection of Taxes to the lowest-bidder under the same restrictions as they were the last Year————

The collection of the East List of State, County, Town & Minister's Taxes for the ensuing Year were put up & struck of to Moses Chenery for four pence half penny on the Pound————

The collection of the West List of State, County, Town & Ministers Taxes were put up & struck of to Capt William Bond for five pence on the Pound————

Voted & chose Moses Chenery & Capt William Bond Collectors of Taxes for the ensuing Year————

Also, The Hay scales were put up at Auction for the term of one Year, on the same Conditions as last Year, & were struck of to Deacon Jedidiah Leathe for forty six Dollars——

Also, The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown was put up at Auction for the term of one Year, & was struck of to Isaac Dana for four Dollars & sixty Cents————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town————

And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen this Day, by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk—(Viz)—

Peter Clark, Paul Learned, & Charles Bond Fenceviewers—

Moses Chenery, Samuel Brigham, James Simmons & William Leathe, Field-drivers————

Capt William Bond, William Winchester, Maj^{r} Adam Brown, Eben^{r} Chenery, Nathl Harrington & David Livermore Hogreeves————

Capt William Bond & Isaac Dana Surveyors of Timber——
Edmund Fowle, Jonas White, Nathl Bright & Capt Joseph Bright Surveyors of Highways————
Moses Chenery & Capt William Bond Collectors of Taxes—
Deacon Jedidiah Leathe Hay weigher————

The Selectmen appointed Deacon Jedidiah Leathe & Edward Lowd Measurers of Wood for the ensuing Year, & they were sworn into said Office by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk————

Nathl R. Whitney was sworn into the Offices of Town Treasurer, & Pound-keeper by William Hunt Esqr

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March 21^{t} AD 1803 The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fourth Day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth—Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands & Seals, Dated at Watertown the twenty first Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and three

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nathl R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown

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March 25th AD 1803 The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

	Dollˢ	Ctˢ
To Jedidiah Leathe in full for repairing Hay scales &c. last Year	14,,	44
To Ditto in full of a balance for Spikes for the Great-bridge	2,,	41
To Stephen Cook in full for carting Gravel on the Bridge in 1800	1,,	25
To Moses Coolidge in full for supporting Spencer Godding One Dollar ℔ Week extra for fourteen Weeks	14,,	—
To Ditto in full for a journey to Roxbury respecting a pauper	1,,	50
To Amos Bond Esqr in full for Brads, Nails &c	8,,	5
To John Fowle in full for Supplies delivered the poor	48,,	79
To Isaac Patten in full for Oyl &c for the Engine	3,,	50
To Ebenr Vose in full for two Coffins for Shubael Smith & Pegg a Mulattoe Woman	7,,	—
To Nathl R. Whitney for Cash paid for a Bell rope	1,,	75
To Ditto for Cash paid Richard Kemball Junr for a Load of Wood delivered Samuel Jennison	3,,	42
To Ditto for Cash paid S. Darby for Wood deld Joseph Child	2,,	90
To Ditto for Cash paid Jacob Farrar on his Bond	20,,	—

The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston & Waltham agreeable to an Act of the General Court paſsed March 2d 1798 empowering the Towns of Watertown, Weston & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the Limits of said Towns met at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 28th Day of March AD 1803, the Agents of Weston &

Waltham not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Appointed Nath[l] R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents———

2d Agreed to lease all the privilege & Right of taking the Fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River within the limits of Watertown, on the following Conditions (Viz) The privilege of the taking of Shad within the limits before described, on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in each Week, And the privilege of taking Alewives three Days in each Week, accounting twenty four Hours for each Day, he or they giving Security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents

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Five ℔ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money, & the residue in the Month of September next; And was leas'd to Artemas Murdock for five hundred & five Dollars——— Also, The Agents agreed to procure a new Shad Seine for the use of the fishery—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of said Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Representatives, being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth Day of April AD 1803——The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors were called for brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names (Viz)

For Governor,
His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq[r] had — — — 36 Votes
The Honb. Elbridge Gerry Esq[r] had — — — — 43 ——

For Lieutenant Governor
His Honor Edward H. Robbins Esq[r] had — — 34 Votes
The Honb. James Bowdoin Esq[r] had — — — — 42 ——

For Senators & Counsellors

Aaron Hill Esq[r] had — — — 41 Votes
William Hull Esq[r] had — — — 43 ——
Jonathan Maynard Esq[r] had 43 ——
William Hildreth Esq[r] had — 35 ——
Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] had — — — 18 ——
Timothy Biglow Esq[r] had — 19 ——
Josiah Bartlet Esq[r] had — — 21 ——
James Bancroft Esq[r] had — — 17 ——
Timothy Jackson Esq[r] had — 8 ——
Artemas Ward Esq[r] had — — 1 ——

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth Day of April AD 1803, by Adjournment from the seventh Day of last March, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted to excuse Jonathan Brown from serving as Constable————
Voted & chose Joshua Coolidge Constable————
Voted & chose Jonas White a Fireward, instead of Samuel Wellington who has remov'd from Town————
It was voted to postpone granting Money for Support of the poor, to the Adjournment of this Meeting————
It was voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney for his Service as Clerk, & Treasurer last Year fifty Dollars—

	Doll[s]	*C[ts]*
It was voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for his Service as an Aſsesſor last Year — — —	19,,	50
It was voted to grant Charles Bond in full for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	19,,	50
It was voted to grant William Hunt Esq[r] in full for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	19,,	50
It was voted to grant Amos Livermore, Chriſtopher Grant, Nath[l] Bemis, Jonas White & Moſes White a Committee for building the Great-bridge for their time & Expences, five Dollars each — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	25,,	—
It was voted to grant Samuel Wellington for Selectmens Expences last Year — — — — — —	33,,	33

Then the request of a Committee from the Meridian Lodge was read & is as follows (Viz)—

We the Subscribers a Committee of the Meridian Lodge in Watertown (in behalf of said Lodge, request permiſsion of the Inhabitants of this Town to erect a Hall upon the Brick School-house in the Middle-district, for the sole use of said Lodge, agreeable to the Plan annexed——Also a priviledge of one fourth part of a Cellar under the same——said Lodge removing the earth from under the whole of said building, (at their own expence,) a sufficient depth therefor Also request the Town will give them such Title as will

effectually secure to them the above mentioned addition & priviledges——The addition & Roof of said School house to be kept in complete repair at their own expence——they will procure Locks & keys for the inner & Cellar Doors of said House——Also provide a suitable reception for the funnel of the Stove in the School-room〜

Josiah Fuller
Joseph Peirce } Committee

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee from the Meridian Lodge respecting their erecting a Hall over the Brick School-house in the Middle-district &c. made the following report (Viz)〜

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Watertown April 4th 1803 We the Subscribers a Committee upon the within petition, are of Opinion that the prayer thereof be granted upon Condition that whenever the same shall cease to be improved for the purposes prayed for, the property shall be considered as belonging to the Town〜

James Robbins
Adam Brown
Jonas White

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee—— As you may see on file〜

It was voted to choose a Committee to make Articles of agreement in respect to the Meridian Lodge's erecting a Hall over the Brick School-house, & lay the same before the Town for acceptance, at the Adjournment of this Meeting〜

Voted & chose for said Committee { Jonas White, Nath[l] Bemis, Nath[l] R. Whitney }

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting—
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in May next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon then to meet at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd〜

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Harrington Innholder in Watertown on Monday the eighteenth Day of April AD 1803——They ifsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second Day of May next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next—Hereof fail not &c—

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Also, You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second Day of May next at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2^d^ To know if the Town will accept of the List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen, & agree on the mode of calling Meetings in future for the appointment of Jurors & act any thing thereon———
3^d^ To know if the Town will grant a Sum of Money for the purpose of paying a Teacher of Music, & act any thing thereon———
4th To know if the Town will paint the Ministerial fence, and House, or either of them, & act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands and Seals, Dated at Watertown the eighteenth Day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and three—

Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nathl R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second Day of May AD 1803, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant——The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was read & revis'd, the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that Jonas White was chosen—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second Day of May AD 1803 for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows————

1st Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr Moderator————

2d Voted to accept the List of Jurors presented by the Selectmen————
Voted that the Selectmen be directed to select the Jurors, & put their Names into each Box agreable to Law————
Voted that the Constables be directed to warn their Meetings in future for the appointment of Jurors, in the same way as has heretofore been practised in this Town——

3d Voted to grant fifty Dollars for the purpose of teaching vocal Music to the rising generation in this Town, & that it be appropriated by, & under the direction of the Selectmen————

4th Voted to paint the Ministerial fence & House
Voted to choose a Committee to paint said fence & House—

Voted & chose for said Committee— Charles Bond, Adam Brown & was excus'd, John Fowle, Moses Coolidge

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second Day of

May AD 1803, by adjournment from the fourth Day of last April, (which was by adjournment from the seventh Day of last March) & proceeded as follows⸗

Joshua Coolidge was sworn into the Office of Constable by Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

The Report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts was read, & it appeared that Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer

	Dollˢ	Cᵗˢ
is credited by — — — — — — — — — —	7389,,	47
And is charg'd with — — — — — — — —	7274,,	99
Balance due the Treasurer — — — — —	114,,	48

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The above is a just and true statement of the Treasurers Accounts to the 2[d] Day of May AD 1803——as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same⸗

Nath[l] Bemis
William Hunt } Committee⸗
Jonas White

It was voted to accept the Report of said Committee & order that it be recorded——As you may see on file⸗
It was voted that all Accounts of the expenditures of Money be read at the next Town-meeting————

It was voted to grant five hundred Dollars to support the poor the ensuing Year————

The Report of the Committee to make articles of agreement in respect to the Meridian Lodge's erecting a Hall over the Brick School-house was read——As you may see on file⸗

It was voted to accept the Report of said Committee, & that it be left discretionary with said Committee to agree with said Lodge in respect to the portion of Cellar that shall be agreed on by said Committee, & that they be directed to enter into articles of agreement with a Committee from said Lodge ⸗

May 30th 1803 Nath[l] R. Whitney & Charles Bond were sworn into the Office of Aſseſsors, Before William Hunt Esq[r]————
And William Hunt Esq[r] was sworn into the Office of Aſseſsor Before, Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Harrington Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 6th Day of June AD 1803, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafternamed the several Sums annex'd their Names—(Viz)—

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To Stephen Harris Junr in full for supporting Nath[l] Harris 39 Weeks——@ $1,, 50 — — —	58,, 50
To Catharine Harris for her afsistance afforded Rachel Goddard Deceas'd — — — — — — — —	1,, 50
To Hannah White including what has been paid her in full for supporting Bez[l] Learned & Wife the Year past — — — — — — — — — — — —	50,, —
To Moses Warren Junr for a pair of Shoes for Mary Learned & for mending Sam[l] Jennison's Shoes — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 92
To Paul Learned in full of his Account for Services in attending the Funerals of sundry poor persons — — — — — — — — — — — —	15,, 50
To Paul Kendall in full for making Nath[l] Harris's Clothes — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 33
To Thaddeus Cole in full for painting the Meeting-house — — — — — — — — — — —	90,, 92
To Ditto for Paint, Oyl & Labor on the Great-bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 66
To Nath[l] Weld in full for carting Joists for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, —
To Andrew Blackman in full for Labor at Ditto	3,, 12
To Daniel Coolidge in full for Ditto — — — —	1,, 25

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Harrington Innholder in Watertown on the first Day of August AD 1803——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafternamed the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Samuel Wellington in full for Selectmens expences last Year — — — — — — — — — —	33,, 3
To Paul Learned in full for his Service as Sexton last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — —	23,, —

To Jonas White in full for House-rent for Grace Smith to the 10th of last May, & for mending Windows — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	14,, 98
To Luther Coolidge in full for setting Glaſs in the poor house — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 50
To Luke Bemis in full for Sheet-lead to repair the Meeting house — — — — — — — — — —	10,, 55
To Samuel Harrington in full for Selectmens expences, at a meeting with the Agents of Watertown & Waltham respecting the laying out a Road — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 50
To Andrew White Junr in full for supporting Grace Smith & three Children four Weeks ending 18th of last July — — — — — — — — — —	16,, —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Harrington Innholder in Watertown on the 12th Day of September AD 1803——They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive Licence for the ensuing Year (Viz)—

For Innholders { Jonathan Bird / Samuel Harrington / Nathl Weld }

For Retailers { James Robbins / John George / John Fowle / Jeremiah Fowle / Moses White / Artemas Murdock / John Merchant / Daniel Jackson / Frederick Farnham }

Also, The Selectmen signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Dolls *Cts*
To Charles Whitney in full for white washing the Meeting house — — — — — — — — — —	9,, —
To Amos Bond Esqr for Cash paid Constant Freeman Master of the Alms-house in Boston for the support of Nathan Warren & Family, & Mary Goddard's funeral Charges — — — — —	37,, 3

	Doll$ Cts
To Ditto for Expences in searching Records —	1,, —
To Stephen Harris Junr in full for supporting Nathl Harris to the 8th of Septr Instant——— @ $1,, 50 ℔ Week ———————————	
To Jonas Wood in full of his Account for Meal delivered Stephen Harris for the support of Nathl Harris ———————————	10,, 74
To Luther Coolidge in full for setting Glaſs in the brick School house ———————————	5,, 67
To Robbins & White in full for Lead &c. for the Seines ———————————	10,, 97

Also, They agreed to give notice to the Selectmen of Cambridge to meet at the House of the Widow Abigail Stone on Monday the third Day of Octr next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon, Also to the Selectmen of Waltham to meet at the House of Thomas Clark Esqr on the same Day at two of the Clock in the Afternoon; Also to the Selectmen of Newton to meet at the House of Thomas Hastings on Monday the first Day of Novr next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to perambulate, run and renew the Lines between the said Towns, according to a Law of the Commonwealth, which notice was given by Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk, on the 20th of September Instant—

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We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Watertown & Cambridge having perambulated & run the lines between said Towns on the third Day of Octr AD 1803 & found that the ancient Marks & Monuments were in some instances destroyed & in others defaced, agreed to renew the same, & they have been renewed as follows (Viz)

1st A Stake & Stones on the West side of a ditch which is the dividing line between the Lands of the Honble Elbridge Gerry & Lands late of Moses Stone deceased, on the northerly Bank of Charles River; Thence running Northerly by said ditch to———

2d A Post at the border of the upland in the dividing line aforesaid Marked WC; Thence Northerly nearly in a straight line to

3d A Buttonwood-tree in the line aforesaid Mkd. WC. Thence curving a little as said dividing line runs to

4th A Post (on the Westerly side of a Stone-wall) Mkd. WC. Thence curving as said Wall runs to

5th A Post at the Corner thereof Mkd. WCC; Thence making nearly a Right angle & running Westerly in a straight line to————

6th A Post Mkd. WWC. in the Corner of Land of the Heirs of Moses Stone deceased; Thence running Northerly in a right line to

7th A Post Mkd. WCC. on the South side of the Road leading from Watertown to Cambridge and opposite to the Westerly end of the House of Jonathan Hastings; Thence running Westerly by the Southerly side of said Road to

8th A Post Mkd. WWC; Thence crofsing said Road & running Northerly between Lands of Jonas Wyeth Junr & of Jonathan Bird in a straight Line to Fresh pond to

9th A Post Mkd. WC. in the line between Land of Elbridge Gerry Esquire & said Jonathan Bird; Thence crofsing Fresh pond nearly in continuance of a straight line to

10th A Post Mkd. WC. near said Pond between Land of John Apthorp & of the Heirs of Samuel Prentifs deceased; Thence Northwesterly in a straight line to a Road leading by the last mentioned Lands to

11th A Post Mkd. WC. in the Line which divides the last mentioned Lands; Thence crofsing said Road & continuing a straight line to

12th A Post on the South side of the Cambridge and Concord Turnpike Mkd. WWC. & situated about one Mile from Fresh pond; Thence running Northeasterly acrofs said Turnpike seven or eight Rods to

13th A White Oak tree Mkd. WC. Thence making a Right angle & running Northwesterly in a Right line to

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14th A Stake & Stones at the Corners of the Towns of Watertown & Waltham in the Land of Thomas & Peter Clark⸗

Moses Coolidge, Nath[l] R. Whitney, Luke Bemis } Selectmen of Watertown⸗

Oct[r] 21[t] 1803⸗

Aaron Hill, James Frost, Daniel Mason } Selectmen of Cambridge⸗

As you may see on file⸗

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Harrington on the 7th Day of Nov[r] AD 1803——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)⸗

To Nath[l] Weld for Selectmens Expences in perambulating Lines — — — — — — — — — —	,, 25
To William Hunt Esq[r] & others a Committee for the Middle School-districts proportion for the present Year — — — — — — — — — — —	200,, —
To Col. Moses Coolidge & others a Committee in full for the East-district's proportion for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	200,, —
To Charles Bond for Cash paid John Dwight in part of the West School-district's proportion for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — —	64,, 61
To Ditto in full for a Journey to Shirley & Expences for himself & Stephen Harris — — — —	12,, —
To Luke Bemis & others a Committee in full for the West School-districts proportion the present Year — — — — — — — — — — — —	135,, 39
To Thomas Wellington in full for Cash paid for Materials & Labor, in repairing Doors & Cellar-stairs in the Alms-house — — — — — — — —	6,, 25

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To Ebenr Vose in full for making a Coffin for Rachel Goddard ——————————— 3,, 50

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Harrington Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 27th Day of February AD 1804——They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the twelfth Day of March next, at ten of the Clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March, & April annually————
3d To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his Services————
4th To determine whether Swine, or Neat's Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, and act any thing thereon—
6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon————
7th To grant Money to support the Great-bridge, & act any thing thereon————
8th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon————
9th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts————
10th To hear the Accounts of those persons, the Town is indebted to, & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon————

11th To hear the Report of any Committees, & act any thing thereon————

12th To agree how the fishery shall be improv'd the ensuing Year, and act any thing thereon————

13th To know if the Town will make sale of a piece of the Ministerial Land, adjoining the Land of Thomas Patten to straighten his Line, & act any thing thereon————

14th To know if the Town will choose an Agent or Agents, to defend an Action of review prosecuted by the Town of Shirley against the Town of Watertown at the Supreme Judicial Court in April next, & act any thing thereon; Also the Action of Daniel Jackson against Abigail Goddard & act any thing thereon——& also to appoint an Agent or Agents to apply to the Court of General Sefsions of the peace to discontinue the Road through Watertown laid out from Concord to Cambridge in September last, & act any thing thereon—

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15th To know if the Town will give Jeremiah Fowle Liberty to extend his Wall so as to leave the Road in front of his Land four Rods wide, provided he can obtain leave from the Court of General Sefsions of the peace, & act any thing thereon————

16th To know if the Town will build a Stone-bridge from Treadeways Bridge (so called) to the Mill Creek, & act any thing thereon————

17th To know if the Town will grant & supply the Revd Richard R. Eliot with a certain quantity of Wood the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————

Also, You are alike required to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twelfth Day of March next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer——

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Harrington Innholder in said Town, on Monday the fifth Day of March next, at six of the Clock PM.——

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings————

Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the twenty seventh Day of February, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & four

William Hunt
Amos Bond
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Luke Bemis
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown March 12th 1804

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting-house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting

Edw[d] Lowd Constable

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Harrington Innholder in Watertown on Monday the fifth Day of March AD 1804——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

	Doll[s]	C[ts]
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for his Service as Treasurer in 1802	50,,	—
To Ditto in full for his Service as an Aſsesſor in 1802	19,,	50
To William Hunt Esq[r] in full for Ditto the same Year	19,,	50
To Charles Bond in full for Ditto the same Year	19,,	50
To Amos Livermore in full for his time & Expences as one of the Committee for building the Great-bridge	5,,	—
To Christopher Grant in full for Ditto	5,,	—
To Nath[l] Bemis in full for Ditto	5,,	—
To Jonas White in full for Ditto	5,,	—
To Moses White in full for Ditto	5,,	—

	Doll$ Cts
To Moses Warren Junr in full for three pair of Shoes, for Mary Learned, Abigail Green & Ruth Maddox	4,, —
To Walter Hunnewell in full for Medicines & attendance on the poor to the 5th of last February	14,, 68
To Isaac Dana in full for finding Materials, & for Labor at the Great-bridge	24,, 22
To Nathl R. Whitney for Cash paid Isaac Dana in full for Plank to repair Treadeways Bridge on the 30th of last July	1,, 17
To Ditto for Cash paid Ditto——for Ditto in Novr last	—,, 66
To Ditto for Cash paid Samuel Dana for his Service in opposing a Road through Watertown	15,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Roger Adams in full for a Shad-seine for the fishery last Year	50,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Jonathan Bird for Selectmen, & Committee's Expences to lay out a Road from Concord to Cambridge on the 11th of last August	6,, 50
To Ditto for Cash paid Samuel Dana for his Service in opposing a Road in Septr last	10,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Charles Davis for three bathing-tubs, & one Copper-serpent	79,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Caty Hunt & Eliza Palmer in full of Abigail Goddard's Account	6,, 4
To Ditto for Cash paid Luke Bemis for Cash he paid Abner Sanderson for running the line by Newton	—,, 50
To Ditto for Cash paid for Wood delivered the poor	47,, 2
To Ditto for Cash paid the Judge on Francis Hager's Account	—,, 60
To Ditto for Cash paid Timothy Biglow on Account of Ditto	2,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid for Selectmen & Witnesses Expences two Days at Concord on Francis Hagers Account	10,, 79

	Doll^{s} C^{ts}
To Moses Coolidge in full of his Account for time & Expence for Ditto — — — — — — — —	8,, 30
To Nathl R. Whitney in full for Ditto — — —	4,, —
To Amos Bond Esqr in full for Ditto — — — —	4,, —
To Luke Bemis in full for Ditto — — — — —	4,, —

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To William Bond in full for Ditto — — — — —	4,, —
To Charles Bond in full for Ditto — — — — —	4,, —
To Adam Brown in full for Ditto — — — — —	4,, —
To Moses Coolidge for Cash paid Amos Livermore in full for two Posts, & mending Gate at the Burying place — — — — — — — — — — —	5,, —
To Amos Bond Esqr in full of his Account — —	15,, 32
To Adam Brown for Sundries delivered Mrs Welkins — — — — — — — — — — — — —	—,, 90
To Moses White in full for Plank for Treadeways-bridge — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 62
To Isaac Dana in full for repairing the Ministerial fence — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 6
To Moses Coolidge in full for fixing a Plough, & for setting Posts on the line between Watertown & Cambridge &c. — — — — — — — — — — —	8,, 88

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 12th Day of March AD 1804 for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr Moderator————
Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk, And he was sworn into said Office, before William Hunt Esqr Moderator————
Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Town Treasurer—

Voted & chose for Selectmen
- William Hunt Esq[r]
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Charles Bond
- Adam Brown, & was excus'd by his request
- Luke Bemis, & he declined serving

Voted & chose for Aſſeſsors
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- William Hunt Esq[r]
- Thomas Clark Esq[r] & was excus'd by his request
- Amos Livermore Jun[r]

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to three of the Clock this Afternoon then to meet at this place——————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

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In the Afternoon of the 12th of March AD 1804 The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a County Treasurer were called for brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that the persons hereafter named had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names (Viz)

Ebenezer Bridge Esq[r] had	24	Votes
William Winthrop Esq[r] had	11	Votes
Thomas Heald Esq[r] had	23	Votes
William Hunt Esq[r] had	1	Vote
Edmund Fowle had	1	Vote

Then the Town-meeting was open'd by adjournment from the Forenoon, & proceeded as follows——————

Voted & chose Edmund Fowle a Selectman in stead of Luke Bemis who declin'd serving——————
It was voted to choose Constables, & other Town-Officers by nomination

Voted & chose for Constables
- Daniel Jackson
- Jonathan Brown

Voted & chose for Fence viewers
- Francis Bright
- Daniel Sawin
- Charles Bond & he declin'd serving
- Elisha Livermore & he declin'd serving
- James Robbins

Voted & chose for Tythingmen
- William Stone
- Thomas Wellington

It was voted to choose six Surveyors of Highways for the ensuing Year

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways
- Jonas White & was excus'd by his request
- Samuel Harrington
- Josiah Learned
- William Hunt Esqr
- Thomas Clark Esqr
- Moses Coolidge
- Leonard Bond

Jonathan Brown inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Edward Lowd to serve as Constable in his stead———
Voted to excuse Jonathan Brown from serving as Constable———
Voted & chose Edward Lowd Constable

Voted & chose for Field-drivers
- Daniel Sanger
- Eben^{r} Chenery
- Moses Bright & was excus'd by his request
- Paul Learned
- Samuel Harrington

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Voted & chose for Hogreeves
- Nathaniel Bright
- Amos Bond Esqr
- James Simmons
- Moses Warren Junr
- James Robbins

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Daniel Jackson

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Samuel Holt
- Abner Craft

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber〜 { Isaac Dana / William Bond

Voted & chose for Firewards { Amos Bond Esqr / Elisha Livermore / John Fowle / William Hunt Esqr / Charles Bond / Nathl Bemis

Voted & chose Nathl R. Whitney Pound-keeper————

Voted to choose two more Hogreeves〜

Voted & chose for two other Hogreeves〜 { Adam Brown / Nathl Weld

Voted & chose Paul Learned Sexton————
Voted to grant Paul Learned twenty three Dollars for his Service as Sexton the ensuing Year————
Voted that Swine shall not run at large the ensuing Year—
Voted that Neat Cattle shall not go at large in this Town the ensuing Year——Also voted that Horses shall not go at large the ensuing Year————
Voted to grant six hundred Dollars for support of the Schools the ensuing Year————
Voted that the Money granted for support of the Schools be equally divided between the three Schools as it was the last Year————
Voted to postpone granting Money for support of the poor until the Adjournment of this Meeting————
Voted to postpone granting Money to support the Great-bridge until the Adjournment of this Meeting————
Voted to grant the same Sum for repairing the Highways, & the same price for Labor as it was the last Year————

Voted & chose for a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts〜 { Nathl Bemis & was excus'd by his request〜 / Jonathan Brown & was excus'd by his request〜 / Amos Bond Esqr & was excus'd by his request〜 / Jonas White / John Fowle / Walter Hunnewell

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	Dollˢ	Ctˢ
It was voted to grant Charles Bond in full of his Account for his Service as an Aſſeſsor last Year	19,,	50
Voted to grant William Hunt Esqr in full for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	19,,	50
Voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	19,,	50
Voted to grant Ditto in full for his Services as Treasr last Year — — — — — — — — — — — —	40,,	—
Voted to grant William Stone in full of his Account for six Stones to cover a Bridge — —	3,,	—

Voted that the Committee appointed to paint the Miniſterial-houſe & fence be directed to repair ſaid Houſe & fence & paint them, & make any repairs to ſaid Houſe & fence as they may judge neceſsary————

Voted to choose two Agents to lease the fiſhery the enſuing Year—

Voted & chose for ſaid Agents— { Amos Bond Esqr / Jonas White & was excus'd by his request— / William Hunt Esqr

It was voted to choose a Committee to view the Miniſterial Land, & hear the request of Thomas Patten, reſpecting the Town's making ſale of a piece of ſaid Land adjoining his Land to ſtraighten his Line, & make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for ſaid Committee— { Edmund Fowle / Nath[l] Bemis / Adam Brown

It was voted to choose three Agents to defend an Action of review proſecuted by the Town of Shirley againſt the Town of Watertown at the Supreme Judicial Court in April next, & act any thing thereon—

Voted & chose for ſaid Agents— { William Hunt Esqr / Amos Bond Esqr / Thomas Clark Esqr

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to defend the Action of Daniel Jackſon againſt Abigail Goddard, or make any compromiſe reſpecting ſaid Action, as they ſhall judge neceſsary————

It was voted to choose three Agents (in behalf of the Town of Watertown, or in conjunction with the Agents from any other Town, or Towns) to apply to the Court of General Seſsions of the peace to be holden within & for the County of Middlesex, or at any other Court to discontinue the Road through Watertown laid out from Concord to Cambridge in September last, and act any thing thereon, as they may judge will be for the Interest of the Town of Watertown—

Voted & chose for said Agents— William Hunt Esqr, Amos Bond Esqr, Thomas Clark Esqr

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It was voted to choose a Committee of five persons to view the Land of Jeremiah Fowle, & judge of the expediency of the Town's giving him Liberty to extend his Wall so as to leave the Road in front of his Land four rods wide, & make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee— Jonas White, Nathl Bemis, Moses Coolidge, Jonathan Stone, Thomas Clark Esqr

It was voted to choose a Committee of five persons to view Treadeways Bridge (so called) & consider the neceſsity of building a Stone-bridge, & the convenience of extending the same as far as the Mill Creek, & make an estimate of the expense the same will amount to, & make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting —

Voted & chose for said Committee— Jonas White, Nathl Bemis, Moses Coolidge, Jonathan Stone, Thomas Clark Esqr

It was voted to grant the Revd Richard R. Eliot twelve cords of Wood for the ensuing Year————
Voted that Nathl R. Whitney be directed to procure said Wood————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town in half an Hour from this time——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd————

The Town-meeting was open'd at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on the Evening of the 12th of March AD 1804, by Adjournment from the Meeting house, & proceeded as follows————

Voted that the Aſſeſſors be directed to complete & deliver the Lists of Taxes to the Collectors on or before the first Day of July next, or not be entitled to any more pay for their Services than the Law directs————

Voted to farm the collection of Taxes for the Year ensuing, & the Collectors are to give Bonds to the Town at April Meeting for their faithful performance, on the same Conditions as they were farm'd the last Year————

The collection of the East List of State, County, Town & Ministers Taxes were put up & struck of to Moses Chenery for nine Cents on the Pound—

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The collection of the West List of State, County, Town & Ministers Taxes were put & struck of William Bond for nine Cents & an half on the Pound————

Voted & chose Moses Chenery & William Bond Collectors of Taxes————

Then the Hay scales were put up at Auction for the term of one Year, the person who hires them is to give Bonds to the satisfaction of the Selectmen——And was let to Jedidiah Leathe for forty Dollars——And he was sworn into the Office of Hay weigher Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

Then the Wharf belonging to the Town of Watertown, in Cambridge was put up at Auction for the term of one Year & was struck of to William Bond for three Dollars & thirty seven Cents————

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to appoint three Measurers of Wood for the ensuing Year————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting house————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd———

Then the following Town-officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen this Day,
Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk (Viz)—

James Robbins Fence-viewer————
Samuel Harrington, Josiah Learned, William Hunt Esq[r] Thomas Clark Esq[r] & Leonard Bond Surveyors of Highways————
Edward Lowd Constable————
Daniel Sanger, Eben[r] Chenery, Paul Learned & Samuel Harrington Field-drivers————
Amos Bond Esq[r] James Simmons, & James Robbins, Hogreeves————
Daniel Jackson Clerk of the Market————
William Bond Surveyor of Timber————
Adam Brown & Nath[l] Weld Hogreeves————
Moses Chenery & William Bond Collectors of Taxes⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 12th Day of March AD 1804, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)⸗

To Jedidiah Leathe in full for repairing the Hay scales last Year — — — — — — — — — — — —	7,, 25
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for Wood delivered Abigail Goddard & Joseph Childs — — — — — —	4,, —
To Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r] & C° for a box of Candles delivered the Singing-school — — —	

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Also, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of

three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the second Day of April next at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands and Seals Dated at Watertown the nineteenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four—

William Hunt
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Charles Bond
Edmund Fowle
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown April 2[d] 1804————

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting-house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edw[d] Lowd Constable—

March 21[t] 1804 Daniel Sawin was sworn into the Office of Fence viewer——March 23[d] 1804——Francis Bright was sworn into the Office of Fence viewer——And on the 24th of March 1804——Amos Livermore Jun[r] was sworn into the Office of Aſseſsor,

Before, Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

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The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston & Waltham, agreeable to an Act of the General Court paſsed March 2[d] 1798 empowering the Towns of Watertown, Weston, & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Towns met at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 26th Day of March 1804——The Agents of Weston & Waltham not being present the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Appointed Nath[l] R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents———

Agreed to adjourn this Meeting to six of the Clock this Afternoon then to meet at this place————

The Agents aforesaid met at the time & place aforementioned by Adjournment, proceeded as follows————

Agreed to lease all the privilege & Right of taking the Fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River within the limits of Watertown, on the following Conditions (Viz) The privilege of the taking of Shad within the limits before described, on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in each Week, and the privilege of taking Alewives three Days in each Week, accounting twenty four Hours for each Day, to the highest bidder, he or they giving Security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents—five ℔ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money & the residue in the Month of September next————

And was leas'd to Artemas Murdock for four hundred & ninety five Dollars————
And he paid twenty five Dollars as earnest Money————
The Treasurer paid Nath[l] Weld twelve Dollars & eighty four Cents for the Agents Expences————

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of said Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Representatives being duly warned, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second Day of April AD 1804——The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for a Governor, Lieu[t] Governor, Senators & Counsellors were called for brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following Gentlemen had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names (Viz)—

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For Governor

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq[r] had	——	38 Votes
The Honb. James Sullivan Esq[r] had	———	42
The Honb. Elbridge Gerry Esq[r] had	———	1

For Lieutenant Governor

His Honor Edward H. Robbins Esq[r] had	——	38
The Honb. William Heath Esq[r] had	———	20
His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq[r] had	——	4
Benjamin Austin Jun[r] Esq[r] had	————	3

For Senators & Counsellors—

The Honb. William Hull Esqr had — — — — 49
The Honb. Aaron Hill Esqr had — — — — — 47
The Honb. William Hildreth Esqr had — — 47
The Honb. Jonathan Maynard Esqr had — — 46
The Honb. Timothy Biglow Esqr had — — — 24
The Honb. Artemas Ward Esqr had — — — 25
Timothy Jackson Esqr had — — — — — — — 25
James Bancroft Esqr had — — — — — — — 23
Stephen Dana Esqr had — — — — — — — 1

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second Day of April AD 1804, by Adjournment from the twelfth Day of last March, proceeded as follows—

Daniel Jackson inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Daniel Cornwall to serve as Constable in his stead———
Voted to excuse Daniel Jackson from serving as Constable———
Voted & chose Daniel Cornwall Constable—

Voted & chose for Fish-wardens— Edmund Fowle, Amos Bond Esqr, Moses White

The Report of the Committee to view Treadeways Bridge (so called) was read & is as follows (Viz).——The Committee raised in March Meeting to view Treadeways Bridge, beg leave to report that they have attended said Service and are of Opinion that it is not for the Town's Interest to cover more than is sufficient for the Road, which we think will cost fifty Dollars———

Also, Your Committee are of Opinion that it will be for the Town's Interest to sell all the right they have there, from the paſsway leading on to the Wharf by Mr Nixon's Shop that can be conveniently spared—As you may see on file—

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to cover Treadeways Bridge forty feet in length with Stone———

Voted to grant fifty Dollars for the purpose aforesaid—

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It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the seventh Day of May next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon then to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd ⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the sixteenth Day of April AD 1804——They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of May next at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.——Hereof fail not &c.———

Also, You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts forthwith to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the seventh Day of May next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2[d] To know if the Town will choose Agents to join with the Agents of the Town of Cambridge, or of any other Town, to oppose any New-bridge's being erected over Charles River to obstruct the Navigation thereof, and act any thing thereon————
3[d] To know if the Town will purchase the right of taking fish in Newton upon Lands owned by Aaron Everett & Charles Bond & act any thing thereon————
To know if the Town will make sale of a piece of Land near Treadeways Bridge (so called) and act any thing thereon—

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Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands and Seals, Dated at Watertown, the sixteenth Day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four—

William Hunt
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Charles Bond
Thomas Clark
Edmund Fowle
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Male Inhabitants of said Watertown, qualified as therein expreſsed to meet & aſsemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edward Lowd Constable—

Watertown May 7th 1804—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen & Aſseſsors at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Tuesday the 24th Day April AD 1804——They agreed to divide the Surveyors of Highways Districts as follows (Viz)—

Samuel Harrington's District, to begin on the Great road at Waltham Line, & come down said Road as far as to include Jonas White, & the road from said Great-road by the Alms-house to the road by dirty green (so called) & all the roads West of said road to Waltham Line, Also to include the road from Ezekiels Whitneys House, to Menotomy Line under the Rocks (so called) & all the roads West of said road—

William Hunt Esq[r]'s District to begin on the Great Country-road opposite the House of Jonas White & continue down said road as far as to include his own Dwelling house, & extend over the Great-bridge to Newton Line, & all the roads South of said Road within the limits before described—

Josiah Learned's District to begin on the Great Country-road opposite the House of William Hunt Esq[r] & continue on said Great-road as far as Perry's Lane (so called) & all the roads South of said Great-road—

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Moses Coolidge's District to begin on the Great Country-road opposite Perry's Lane (so called) & continue on said Great-road to Cambridge line, & all the roads South of said road within the limits before described——Also all the roads North of said Great-road within said limits, & include the County-road from the East School house to Cambridge line⸗

Thomas Clark Esq$^{r's}$ District to begin at Menotomy line & continue on the road to the Meeting house, & the roads leading by the Houses of Charles & Israel Whitney & Nathl Bright, to the road by Francis Bright's House⸗

Leonard Bonds District to begin at the Easterly side of the road over the Meeting house hill (so called) & continue on the County-road as far as opposite the East School house & all the roads North of said road within the limits before described⸗

Also, The Selectmen appointed the following persons Enginemen for the ensuing Year (Viz)⸗

Jonathan Alden	John Tucker
Thos H. Bray	John Robbins
Aaron Dana	Daniel Stone
Ellis Prentice	Gilbert Nichols
Joseph White	Daniel Robinson
Andrew White 2^{d}	John Hunting
Edmund Trowbridge	Benj^{a} Goddard

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of May AD 1804——for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant————
The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was read & revis'd————
The Votes for a Representative were called for brought in, sorted & counted & it appeared that Jonas White was chosen

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of May AD 1804 for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose William Hunt Esqr Moderator

2d It was voted to choose three Agents to join with the Agents of the Town of Cambridge, or of any other Town, or Town's to petition the Legislature of this Commonwealth not to grant Liberty to any person or persons to erect any new Bridge, or Bridge's over Charles River to obstruct the Navigation thereof, & that any Bridge that is now erected acroſs said River shall have suitable Drawers to accommodate the navigation of said River, & act any thing thereon as they may judge neceſsary—

Voted & chose for said Agents—

- Thomas Clark Esqr & was excus'd
- Daniel Jackson
- Adam Brown & was excus'd
- William Hunt Esqr & was excus'd
- John Fowle & was excus'd
- Leonard Mellen
- Edmund Fowle & was excus'd
- Charles Bond & was excus'd
- Moses White & was excus'd
- John George

It was voted to choose a Committee to enquire on what terms they can purchase Lands for the right of taking fish in Newton, between the old Mill dam & Bemis's dam (so called) & make report to the Town—

Voted & chose for said Committee—

- Nathl Bemis
- Amos Bond Esqr & was excus'd
- Stephen Cook
- Moses White

It was voted to choose a Committee to investigate the right of the Town near Treadeways Bridge (so called) & lay claim to the Town's right in said Land, & set up meet & lasting bounds—

Voted & chose for said Committee—

- Nathl Bemis
- William Hunt Esqr
- Luke Bemis

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of May AD 1804, by Adjournment from the second Day of last April, & proceeded as follows (Viz)—

It was voted that the Action between Daniel Jackson & Abigail Goddard be referred to the Selectmen, and that the Town will protect them in any compromise or settlement they shall see fit to make————
It was voted to grant five hundred Dollars to support the poor the ensuing Year————
It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to make sale of a piece of the Ministerial Land to Thomas Patten, & give a Deed of the same agreable to the Plan exhibited; And the Interest of the Money arising from the sale of said Land be appropriated for the use of the Revd Richard R. Eliot during his Ministry————

It was voted to diſsolve this Meeting————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

June 5th 1804 Isaac Dana was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Timber, Before Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the second Day of July AD 1804, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

	Doll^{s}	Cts
To Isaac Dana in full for Boards for a fence at the Alms-house ———————	7,,	22
To Moses White in full for Plank to repair the Great bridge ———————	3,,	12
To George Stearns in full for laying Stones for Steps at the Doors of the Meeting house ——	12,,	—
	22,,	34

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the sixth Day of August AD 1804, They signed an Order on the Treasurer

directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Samuel Babcock in full for teaching a Singing-school from the 5th of December 1803, to the 5th of April 1804 — — — — — — — — — — —	
To John Fowle in full for sundry Articles of Supplies delivered the poor to this Day — — —	19,, 71
To Moses Coolidge in full for Plough-irons — —	6,, 25
To Stephen Harris in full for supporting his Father, in his last Sickneſs (including what has been paid him — — — — — — — — — — — — —	14,, —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the tenth Day of September AD 1804, They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive Licence as Innholders & Retailers the ensuing Year (Viz)—

For Innholders—
- Jonathan Bird
- Samuel Harrington
- Nathaniel Weld
- Peter Davis
- William Hunt Esq[r]

For Retailers—
- James Robbins
- John George
- John Fowle
- Jeremiah Fowle
- Moses White
- John Merchant
- Daniel Jackson
- Asa Stone

Also, They appointed Peter Davis, Daniel Vila, & Richard Sanger Engine men

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 15th Day of October AD 1804, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the

Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representatives, in the General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz) the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifth Day of November next, being the first Monday in said Month, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for Nineteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States qualified according to the Constitution thereof whose Names shall all be borne on one Ticket, and such Ticket shall contain the Name of at least One Inhabitant of each District for choosing Representatives to the Congreſs of the United States, established by a Law paſsed March 10th AD 1802—

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Also, To give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex-district——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——

Given under our Hands & Seals, Dated at Watertown the fifteenth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & four—

Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Charles Bond
Edmund Fowle
} Selectmen for Watertown—

Middlesex ſs: Watertown Nov[r] 5th 1804——Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have duly notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein expreſsed to aſsemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting-house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edw[d] Lowd Constable for said Town—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives, in the General Court being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth Day of November AD 1804, to give in their Votes for Nineteen Electors of President

and Vice President of the United States———

Also, To give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congrefs of the United States for the Middlesex-district———

The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was read & revis'd, the Votes for a Representative were called for brought in, sorted & counted, & were as follows—

For Honb. Joseph B. Varnum seventy eight Votes———
Timothy Bigelow twenty eight Votes———
Samuel Dana One Vote———

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For Electors at large—
Honb. James Sullivan of Boston eighty two Votes———
Elbridge Gerry of Cambridge eighty two Votes—
David Cobb of Goldsborough thirty four Votes—
Oliver Wendell of Boston thirty four Votes———

For Suffolk-district	James Bowdoin of Boston eighty two Votes——— John C. Jones of Boston thirty four Votes———
Essex South-district	John Hathorne of Salem eighty two Votes——— Benjamin Goodhue of Salem thirty four Votes———
Essex North-district	Thomas Kittredge of Andover eighty two Votes——— Bailey Bartlet of Haverhill thirty four Votes———
Middlesex-district	James Winthrop of Cambridge eighty two Votes——— Eleazer Brooks of Lincoln thirty four Votes———
Hampshire South-district	Jonathan Smith Junr of West Springfield eighty two Votes— William Sheppard of Westfield thirty four Votes———

Hampshire North-district	Edward Upham of New-Salem eighty two Votes———
	Eben^{r} Mattoon of Amherst thirty four Votes———
Plymouth-district	James Warren of Plymouth eighty two Votes———
	William Sever of Kingston thirty four Votes———
Barnstable-district	John Davis of Barnstable eighty two Votes———
	Eben^{r} Bacon of Barnstable thirty four Votes———
Bristol-district	Josiah Deane of Raynham eighty two Votes———
	George Leonard of Norton thirty four Votes———
Worcester South-district	Timothy Newell of Sturbridge eighty two Votes———
	Joseph Allen of Worcester thirty four Votes———
Worcester North-district	John Whiting of Lancaster eighty two Votes———
	Josiah Stearns of Lunenburgh thirty four Votes———
Berkshire-district	John Bacon of Stockbridge eighty two Votes———
	David Roſsetter of Richmond thirty four Votes———
Norfolk-district	William Heath of Roxbury eighty two Votes———
	Cotton Tufts of Weymouth thirty four Votes———
York-district	John Woodman of Buxton eighty two Votes———
	John Lord of Berwick thirty four Votes———
Cumberland-district	Charles Turner of Turner eighty two Votes———
	Isaac Parker of Portland thirty four Votes———
Lincoln-district	John Farley of Newcastle eighty two Votes———
	Thomas Rice of Wiscaſset thirty four Votes———

Kennebec-district — Thomas Fillebrown of Hallowell eighty two Votes———— / Samuel S. Wilde of Hallowell thirty four Votes————

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 4th Day of March AD 1805, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Mr Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the eighteenth Day of March Instant at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)————

1t To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March, & April annually————
3d To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his Services————
4th To determine whether Swine, or Neat's Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, and act any thing thereon——
6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon————
7th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon————
8th To choose a Committee to examine the Town Treasurer's Accounts————
9th To hear the Accounts of those persons, the Town is indebted to, & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon————

10th To hear the report of any Committee's, & act any thing thereon————

11th To agree how the fishery shall be improv'd the ensuing Year, and act any thing thereon————

12th To know if the Town will choose an Agent, or Agents to appear before any Court or Courts to defend the Town from any presentment, or indictment, & act any thing thereon————

13th To know if the Town will choose an Agent, or Agents to defend an Action of review prosecuted by the Town of Shirley against the Town of Watertown, at the Supreme Judicial Court in April next, & act any thing thereon; Also the Action of Majr Daniel Jackson against Abigail Goddard, & act any thing thereon————

14th To know if the Town will grant & supply the Revd Richard R. Eliot with a certain quantity of Wood the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————

15th To know if the Town will build a fence at the Burying Yard near the Meeting-house, & act any thing thereon—

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16th To know if the Town will repair the West School-house & act any thing thereon————

17th To know if the Town will erect a Fish-house, & act any thing thereon————

18th To know if the Town will choose a Committee, to attend on any Committee from the Court of General Sefsions of the peace to lay out any Road through or near the Town, & act any thing thereon————

19th To know if the Town will make sale of a piece of the Ministerial Land, adjoining the Land of Isaac Patten, & act any thing thereon————

Also, You are alike required to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the eighteenth Day of March Instant, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer————

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of

Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town, on Monday the eleventh Day of March Instant at six of the Clock PM

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings.——Given under our Hands & Seals at Watertown the fourth Day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five—

Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Charles Bond
Edmund Fowle
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown March 18th 1805——Pursuant to the within Warrant I duly notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to meet and aſsemble at the time & place and for the several purposes within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edw[d] Lowd Constable—

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Also, At the Meeting of the Selectmen aforementioned, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Samuel Harrington in full of his Account for Selectmens Expences from 4th of April 1803, to 6th of March 1804 — — — — — — — — — — — —	32,, 83
To Charles Bond in full of his Account for Services & Expence for the fence at the Poor-house &c. — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	26,, 16
To Amos Bond Esq[r] in full for boarding Spencer Godding &c. — — — — — — — — — — — — —	35,, 50
To Walter Hunnewell in full of his Account for Medicines & attendance on the poor to last January — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	37,, 45
To T. L. Jennison in full for Medicines & attendance on Hannah Prentice in April & May last —	6,, 24
To Jeremiah Fowle in full for two Blankets for Spencer Godding — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 50

To John Fowle in full of his Acc[t] for Cloathing for the poor &c. — — — — — — — — — — — —	24,, 1
To Eben[r] Bridge County Treas[r] for County Tax in 1804 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	225,, 85
To Henry Craft in full of his Acc[t] for repairing the Great-bridge $38,, 25 & for Treadeways Bridge (so called) $93,, 33 — — — — — — — —	131,, 58
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full of his Acc[t] for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	49,, 78
To Peter Davis in full of his Acc[t] for Henry Craft's board at ditto — — — — — — — — — —	19,, 30
To Moses White in full of his Acc[t] for Supplies delivered H. Craft — — — — — — — — — —	5,, 28
To Eben[r] Vose in full for a Coffin for Stephen Harris — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 50
To Isaac Dana in full of his Acc[t] for Plank supplied for the Bridge &c. — — — — — — — —	15,, 66
To Benjamin Prentice in full for supporting Hannah Prentice — — — — — — — — — — — —	37,, 50

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Weld on Monday the 11th Day of March AD 1805——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To the Executors of William Hunt Esq[r] Deceas'd in full for his Service as an Aſseſsor in the Year 1803 — — — — — — — — — — — — —	19,, 50
To Charles Bond in full for Ditto in the same Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	19,, 50
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for Ditto the same Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	19,, 50
To Ditto in full for his Service as Treasurer the same Year — — — — — — — — — — — — —	40,, —
To William Stone in full for six Stones to cover a Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, —
To the Committee of the West School in full for said District's proportion for the last Year — —	200,, —

To the Committee of the Middle-school in full for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 200,, —

To the Committee of the East-school in full for Ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 200,, —

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To Paul Learned in full for his Service as Sexton — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 23,, —

To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for Cash paid Gershom Hyde for a Plough — — — — — — — 4,, 50

To Ditto for Cash paid Davis & Tyler in full for Boards &c. to repair the Ministerial-house & fence on 4th of last August — — — — — — — — 34,, 57

To Ditto for Cash paid Enoch Fisk for 4½ feet of Wood delivered Samuel Jennison on 17th of last November — — — — — — — — — — — — 3,, 37

To Abigail Jennison (including what has been paid her) for supporting Spencer Godding from 7th of last Nov[r] @ $1,, 25 ℔ Week — — — — —

To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Peter Davis for Expences of the Committee to repair the Ministerial-house on 14th of last Dec[r] — — — ,, 50

To Ditto for Cash paid John Buckley in full for repairing the Ministerial-house & making the fence (on the 15th of last Dec[r] — — — — — — — 176,, 12

To Ditto for Cash paid Moses Broad for 5¼ feet of Wood delivered Samuel Jennison on the 24th of last December — — — — — — — — — 4,, 21

To Ditto for Cash paid Elisha Wheeler in full for 3½ feet of Wood delivered Samuel Jennison on the 14th of last January — — — — — — — — 3,, 65

To Ditto for Cash paid Constant Freeman for supporting Mary Jackson from the 17th to the 30th of last January — — — — — — — — — — 4,, —

To Ditto for Cash paid Nath[l] Robbins to support Mary Jackson from the 8th of last February 8 Weeks @ $2,, — ℔ Week — — — — — — —

To Ditto for Cash paid Joshua Carter in full for 5¼ feet of Wood delivered Samuel Jennison on the 13th of last February — — — — — — — — 4,, 22

To Ditto for Cash paid John Loker in full for a Load of Wood delivered Stephen Harris on the 20th of last February — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 84
To Ditto for Cash paid Hannah White, & Catha Marshall for supporting Bezaleel Learned & Wife three quarters of the present Year — — —	37,, 50
To Ditto for Cash paid Nath[l] Weld for Selectmens expences on the 10th of last September —	2,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Peter Davis for Ditto —	,, 84
To Ditto in full for carting Stones &c. at the Meeting house — — — — — — — — — — — —	10,, 50
To Charles Bond in full for repairs of the West School house &c. — — — — — — — — — — —	5,, 50
To Solomon Chenery in full for supporting Rebecca Conant & Child five Weeks — — — —	10,, —
To Daniel Coolidge & Aaron Sanger in full for repairing the Great-bridge — — — — — — — —	5,, —
To Nathaniel Weld in full for Selectmens Expences from the 12th of March 1804 to this Day	32,, 46

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the eighteenth Day of March AD 1805, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Cap[t] Nathaniel Bemis Moderator————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk, And he was sworn into said Office Before Cap[t] Nath[l] Bemis Moderator
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer—

Voted & chose for Selectmen
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Charles Bond
- Edmund Fowle
- Josiah Learned

Voted & chose for Aſseſsors
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Amos Livermore Jun[r]
- Charles Bond

Voted & chose for Constables { Nath[l] R. Whitney / Luke Bemis

Nath[l] R. Whitney inform'd the Town that he has agree'd with Edward Lowd to serve as Constable in his stead———

Also, Luke Bemis inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Daniel Cornwall to serve as Constable in his stead———
Voted to excuse Nath[l] R. Whitney & Luke Bemis from serving as Constables⸗

Voted & chose for Constables { Edward Lowd / Daniel Cornwall

Edward Lowd & Daniel Cornwall were sworn into the Office of Constables, Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk———
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting until half past two of the Clock this Afternoon then to meet at this place———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

In the Afternoon of the 18th of March AD 1805 The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a County Treasurer were called for brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following persons had the several number of Votes annex'd their Names (Viz)⸗

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For Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] forty two Votes———
Thomas Heald seven Votes———
William Winthrop Esq[r] six Votes———

Then the Town-meeting was open'd by Adjournment from the Forenoon & proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

It was voted to choose the other Town Officers by nomination⸗

Voted & chose for Fence viewers⸗ { Elisha Livermore / Adam Brown / John Fowle / Moses Bright / Amos Bond Esq[r]

Voted & chose for Tythingmen⸗ { William Stone / Peter Brewer

It was voted to have four Districts for the Surveyors of Highways———
It was voted to choose four Surveyors of Highways—,

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways—,
- Adam Brown & was excus'd upon his request
- Joshua Coolidge
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Daniel Sanger
- Nath[l] Bemis

Voted to choose a Surveyor of Highways to receive Samuel Harrington's Highway List of Taxes for the Year 1804—— and that he be directed to cause the same to be work'd out in the limits described in said List———
Voted & chose Charles Bond for said Surveyor of Highways———
Voted to reconsider the last Vote in respect to Charles Bond's taking Samuel Harrington's List———
Voted that the Selectmen be directed to request Samuel Harrington to cause his List of Taxes to be work'd out as soon as conveniently may be—,

Voted & chose for Field-drivers—,
- Moses Coolidge
- Peter Harrington
- Israel Whitney
- James Robbins
- Amos Livermore Jun[r]

Voted & chose for Hogreeves
- Adam Brown & was excus'd upon his request—,
- Aaron Sanger
- Samuel Benjamin & was excus'd
- John K. Coolidge
- William Leathe
- Charles Whitney
- Nath[l] Bright & was excus'd
- James Robbins & was excus'd
- Aaron Davis, Daniel Jackson
- Samuel Brigham, & Peter Clark—,

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Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market—,
- John George
- Edward Lowd

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Samuel Holt
- Abner Craft

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber — Isaac Dana, William Bond

Voted & chose for Firewards — Nath[l] Bemis, John Fowle, Amos Bond Esq[r], John George, Elisha Livermore, Charles Bond

Voted that the Firewards be requested to call on the former ones, & receive their Staves————
Voted that the Firewards be requested to leave their Staves with the Town Treasurer on every Evening of March Meeting————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Pound-keeper————
Voted that the Selectmen be directed to appoint a Sexton, & agree with him for his Services————
Voted that Neat Cattle & Horses shall not go at large the ensuing Year————
Voted to grant seven hundred & fifty Dollars for support of the Schools the ensuing Year————
Voted that the Money granted for support of the Schools, be equally divided between the three Schools as it was the last Year————
Voted to postpone granting Money for support of the poor to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

Voted that the Selectmen (or a Committee selected from among them) in future be a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts, & that they be directed to examine them Yearly, previous to March Meeting, or the time the Meeting stands adjourn'd to—

Voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney for his Service as an Aſseſsor last Year — — — — — — — — — —	19,, 50
To Ditto in full for his Service as Treasurer last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	40,, —
To Amos Livermore Jun[r] in full for his Service as an Aſseſsor last Y[r]. — — — — — — — — —	19,, 50
To the Executors of William Hunt Esq[r] Deceas'd in full for Ditto — — — — — — — — —	

Voted to choose a person to join the Agents (Viz) Daniel Jackson & John George (instead of Leonard Mellen De-

ceas'd) who were chosen on the seventh of last May, to join with the Agents of the Town of Cambridge &c.—(See page 370).*————

Voted & chose John Fowle for said Agent, & he was excus'd upon his request————

Voted & chose James Robbins in his stead—

Voted & chose for Agents to lease the fishery— { Moses Coolidge / Nath[l] R. Whitney—

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It was voted to choose three Agents (in behalf of the Town of Watertown, or in conjunction with the Agents from any other Town, or Towns) to apply to the Court of General Sefsions of the peace to be holden within & for the County of Middlesex, or at any other Court, to discontinue the Road through Watertown, laid out from Concord to Cambridge in September 1803, and act any thing thereon, as they may judge will be for the Interest of the Town of Watertown——Also to appear before any Court or Courts to defend the Town from any presentment or indictment for neglecting to open, make & put in good & sufficient repair a certain public Highway through the Northeasterly part of said Town leading from Waltham Line to Bird's Tavern & act any thing thereon—

Voted & chose for said Agents { Amos Bond Esq[r] / Thomas Clark Esq[r] / Cap[t] Charles Bond

It was voted to choose three Agents to appear before any Court, or Courts to defend the Town from an indictment for not repairing Stephen Cooks Waste-bridge, & to make search & see if they think the Town are holden to support said Bridge, & if in their Opinion they are not holden, then to prosecute said Cook to final judgment & Execution—

Voted & chose for said Agents { Amos Bond Esq[r] / Thomas Clark Esq[r] / Cap[t] Charles Bond

It was voted to choose three Agents to defend an Action of review prosecuted by the Town of Shirley against the

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Town of Watertown, at the Supreme Judicial Court in April next, & act any thing thereon as they may judge neceſsary⸗

Voted & chose for said Agents { Amos Bond Esqr / Thomas Clark Esqr / Capt Charles Bond

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to use their influence that Abigail Goddard may have a Guardian appointed or give Letter of Attorney to some person, or persons that he, or they may make a settlement, or compromise of the Action of Daniel Jackson against said Abigail Goddard————

Voted to grant the Revd Richard R. Eliot twelve cords of Wood for the ensuing Year————
Voted that Nathl R. Whitney be directed to procure said Wood————
Voted to choose a Committee to build a fence on the Burying Yard near the Meeting house⸗

Voted & chose for said Committee { Thomas Clark Esqr & was excus'd / Nathaniel Bemis / Edmund Fowle / Adam Brown

Voted to grant One hundred Dollars for the purpose aforesaid⸗

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16th It was voted to choose a Committee to examine the West School-house, & see what repairs are neceſsary, make an estimate of the expence, & make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting⸗

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nathl Bemis / Charles Bond / Moses White

17th Article, Voted to dismiſs————

18th Voted to choose a Committee to attend on any Committee that are or may be appointed to lay out a Road through or near the Town————
Voted & chose the Selectmen for said Committee————

19th It was voted to choose a Committee to make sale of a piece of the Ministerial Land running from the Easterly

end of Isaac Patten's Barn to a ditch, provided they can agree with him for said piece of Land————
Voted that the Selectmen be directed & empowered to make sale & give a Deed of said piece of Land to Isaac Patten, & the Interest arising from the sale of said Land be appropriated for the use of the Revd Richard R. Eliot during his Ministry.————
Voted that the several Agents be directed to call on the Selectmen for Money that may be neceſsary for their purpose————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town, at seven of the Clock this Evening————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

The Town-meeting was open'd at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in Watertown on the Evening of the eighteenth of March AD 1805, by adjournment from the Meeting house, & proceeded as follows————

The collection of the East List of State, County, Town & Minister's Taxes for the ensuing Year were put up under the same restrictions as they were last Year, & were struck of to Moses Chenery for two Cents & a quarter ℔ Dollar—
The collection of the West List of State, County Town & Minister's Taxes for the ensuing Year, were put up under the same restrictions, & were struck of to Thaddeus Cole for three Cents ℔ Dollar————

The Hay scales were put up at Auction for the term of one Year & struck of to Jedidiah Leathe for forty one Dollars—

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown, was put up at Auction for the term of one Year, & was struck of to William Bond for nine Dollars & twenty five Cents————

Voted & chose Moses Chenery & Thaddeus Cole Collectors of Taxes————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, then to meet at the Public Meeting house at four of the Clock in the Afternoon————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen this Day (Viz)—

Nath[l] R. Whitney & Charles Bond Afsefsors, Before Amos Bond Justice of the peace————
Elisha Livermore, Adam Brown, John Fowle Moses Bright & Amos Bond Esq[r] Fence viewers————
Thomas Clark Esq[r] & Daniel Sanger Surveyors of Highways————
Moses Coolidge, Israel Whitney, & James Robbins, Field drivers————
Aaron Sanger, John K. Coolidge, William Leathe, Charles Whitney, Daniel Jackson, Samuel Brigham & Peter Clark, Hogreeves————
Samuel Holt Culler of Hoops & Staves————
Isaac Dana & William Bond Surveyors of Timber————

Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in Watertown on Thursday the twenty first Day of March AD 1805——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Artemas Murdock in full for Cash paid for an Alewive Seine — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	83,, 43
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for Cash paid on Eben[r] Swann's Acc[t] on the 1st of last May — —	5,, 4
To Ditto in full for Cash paid John Sanger's Acc[t] — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	5,, 4
To Ditto in full for Cash paid Calvin Parker for 3½ feet of Wood delivered Samuel Jennison this Day — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 69
To Jedidiah Leathe in full for repairing Hay scales last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — —	8,, 92
To Aaron Dana in full for repairing the Hay scales in 1801 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	30,, 38

To Edmund Fowle in full for one Day to Cambridge on Acct of Ebenr Swann & John Sanger, & for Cash paid Aaron Luce for mending the Meeting house Windows ——————— 1,, 76

Also, The Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

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Middlesex ſs: To Mr Daniel Cornwall one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the first Day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands and Seals, Dated at Watertown the twenty first Day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five—

Nathl R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Charles Bond
Edmund Fowle
Josiah Learned
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown April 1st 1805 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warn'd the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays previous to said Meeting—

Daniel Cornwall Constable—

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The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston & Waltham, agreable to an Act of the General Court paſsed March 2d 1798, empowering the Towns of Watertown, Weston & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Towns met at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 25th Day of March 1805——The Agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Appointed Nath[l] R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents———

2d Agreed to adjourn this Meeting to half past six of the Clock this Afternoon, then to meet at this place————

The Agents aforesaid met at the time & place aforementioned by Adjournment, & proceeded as follows————

Agreed to lease all the privilege & right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River within the limits of Watertown the ensuing Year on the following Conditions (Viz) The privilege of the taking of Shad and Alewives within the limits before described three Days in each Week, accounting twenty four Hours for each Day, to the highest bidder, he or they giving Security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents—five ℔ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money——And the residue to be paid on the fifteenth Day of September next—And the privilege of the Seines that the Town now have, & the Purchaser to have Liberty to procure a New Shad Seine & be allow'd a reasonable Expence for the same out of the rent of the fishery—— And was leas'd to Roger Adams for six hundred and forty Dollars————
And he paid thirty two Dollars as earnest Money————
And Roger & Smith Adams gave their Note of hand payable the 15th of September next for six hundred & eight Dollars⸗

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of said Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Representatives, being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first Day of April AD 1805——The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was revis'd & read; the Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant

Governor, Senators and Counsellors were called for brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following Gentlemen had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names——(Viz)⸗

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For Governor⸗

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esqr had — — — 71 Votes
The Honb. James Sullivan Esqr had — — — — 77
The Honb. Elbridge Gerry Esqr had — — — — 1

For Lieutenant Governor⸗

His Honor Edward H. Robbins Esqr had — — — 67 Votes
The Honb. William Heath Esqr had — — — — 75
William Leathe had — — — — — 1
The Honb. James Sullivan Esqr had — — — — 1
Samuel Dana Esqr had — — — — 1
The Honb. William Eustis Esqr had — — — — 1

For Senators & Counsellors⸗

The Honb. Jonathan Maynard Esqr had — — — 81 Votes
Aaron Hill Esqr had — — — — — 79
William Hildreth Esqr had — — — 78
Samuel Dana Esqr had — — — — 81
Eben^{r} Bridge Esqr had — — — — 60
Loammi Baldwin Esqr had — — — 61
Artemas Ward Esqr had — — — — 64
Timothy Jackson Esqr had — — — 62

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first Day of April AD 1805, by adjournment from the eighteenth Day of last March, & proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the sixth Day of May next at four of the Clock in the Afternoon then to meet at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the eighth Day of April 1805——They appointed the following persons Engine men for the ensuing Year (Viz)

John Hunting
Richard Sanger
Joseph White
Aaron Dana
Thos H. Bray
John Robbins
Jonathan Alden

John Tucker
Gilbert Nichols
Nath[l] Weld Jun[r]
Daniel Vila
Peter Davis
Daniel Robinson

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Also, The Selectmen & Aſſeſſors agreed to have the Districts for the Surveyors of Highway as follows (Viz)

Nath[l] Bemis's District To begin at Waltham Line, & come down on the Great-road as far as to include Eben[r] Stetson & Abner Craft, & all South of said Road, as far down the South road as to include Wiswall & Moore, & the Road by the House of Ezekiel Whitney Jun[r] as far as Francis Bright's Barn, & include Bemis's Lane (so called)———

Daniel Sangers District To begin on the Great-road opposite the House of Aaron Everett, & come down on said Great-road far as opposite Perry's Lane (so called) & include Hubbard Ruſsell & Nath[l] R. Whitney & the Road by their Houses, as far as to the Southwardly side of the Meeting-house hill (so called) & all the Roads South of said Road to Newton Line, & up the South Road far as opposite the House of Wiswall & Moore———

Joshua Coolidge's District To begin on the Great-road opposite Perrys Lane (so called) & continue on said Road to Cambridge Line, & the County road from the East Schoolhouse to Cambridge Line, & all the Roads South of said Road within the limits before described

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 15th of April AD 1805 They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs To M[r] Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting

house in said Town on Monday the sixth Day of May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next—

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Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting————

Given under our Hands and Seals, Dated at Watertown, the fifteenth Day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five—

Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Charles Bond
Edmund Fowle
Josiah Learned
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown May 6th 1805——In Obedience to the within Warrant I duly notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified as therein expreſsed, to aſsemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edward Lowd Constable for said Town—

April 22[d] 1805 The Selectmen signed a Certificate for John Fowle to erect a Slaughter-house as follows (Viz)—

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Watertown do hereby consent, and aſsign that Cap[t] John Fowle may have a Slaughter-house erected one hundred feet from the back part of his Dwelling house (situated on the road leading from the Main-street in Watertown, to the Brick Yard) and sixty feet East from the Land of the Heirs of David Sanger Deceas'd, for the purpose of killing Creatures for Meat————

As you may see on file—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth Day of May AD 1805 for the

purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant——The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was read & revis'd—The Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that there were One hundred & thirty nine Votes given in——Eighty of which were for Jonas White——And fifty nine for Nath[l] R. Whitney————
And Jonas White was chosen⸗

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly assembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the sixth Day of May AD 1805——by Adjournment from the first Day of last April, & proceeded as follows————

It was voted to choose three Agents to prosecute or cause to be prosecuted to final Judgment & Execution any person or persons who have or shall violate the Law respecting the taking of fish called Shad & Alewives within the limits of the Town of Watertown⸗

Voted & chose for said Agents { Moses Coolidge / Nath[l] R. Whitney / John Fowle

It was voted to give the Agents aforesaid discretionary directions to make any compromise with any person or persons who have violated, or shall violate the Law respecting the taking of Shad & Alewives within the limits of the Town of Watertown, & act any thing thereon as they shall judge will be for the Interest of the Town————

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen on the 18th of last March (Viz)

Peter Brewer Tythingman—Joshua Coolidge Surveyor of Highways————
Peter Harrington & Amos Livermore Jun[r] Field-drivers——
Edward Lowd Clerk of the Market⸗

Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk

It was voted to choose one person to be on the Committee to investigate the right of the Town near Treadeways

Bridge (so called) &c. instead of William Hunt Esq[r] Deceas'd, who was chosen one of said Committee on the seventh Day of last May————

Voted & chose Edmund Fowle for one of said Committee—

It was voted to reconsider the Vote pafsed the eighteenth of last March in respect of having four Surveyors of Highways, so far as that they will choose one other for the North West-district————

Voted & chose Peter Harrington Surveyor of Highways——

Voted to grant five hundred Dollars to support the poor the ensuing Year————

Voted to grant William Richardson in full of his Account for Stones to cover a Sluice six Dollars—

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The Report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurer's Accounts was read & it appeared as follows—
That Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer

is charged with ———————	9158,, 41
And is credited by ———————	8379,, 77
Balance due the Town ———————	$778,, 64

The above is a just & true statement of Treasurers Accounts to the 6th Day of May 1805 as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same—

John Fowle
Walter Hunnewell } Committee

It was voted to accept the Report of said Committee & order that it be recorded——As you may see on file—

It was voted that the Selectmen be directed to make any neceſsary repairs to the West School-house, & the Middle School-house, & build a Neceſsary————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the next Town-meeting————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

The Selectmen appointed Tyler Bigelow & Samuel Holt Jun[r] Engine-men————

May 31st 1805 Amos Livermore Junr was sworn in the Office of Aſsesſor June 3d Nathl Bemis Esqr was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways And June 13th Peter Harrington was sworn in as a Surveyor of Highways Before Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 5th of August 1805, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Thomas Clark Esqr in full of his Acct for his Services to obtain a Writ of error respecting William Wellingtons road (so called) &c. — —	20,, 38
To Moses Warren Junr in full for a pair of Shoes for the Widow Green, & for House-rent for Stephen Harris — — — — — — — — — — —	6,, 50
To Samuel Holt in full for one Tierce, & coopering 4 for the Seines — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 75
To Thaddeus in full for setting Glaſs in the School-houses, & in the Meeting-house — — —	3,, 77
To Ebenr Vose in full for a Coffin for Stephen Harris — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 50
To Nathl R. Whitney for Cash paid Jared Carrell in full for repairing the Engine — — —	15,, —
To Isaac Dana in full for Boards to repair Ministerial house & fence — — — — — — —	17,, 36
To Nathl R. Whitney for Cash paid Thaddeus Cole, Edmund Trowbridge Junr & Samuel Cook for repairing Ministerial house & fence — — —	83,, 11
To John Fowle in full of his Acct for Supplies delivered Stephen Harris &c — — — — — — —	58,, 79
To Isaac Dana in full for Plank to repair the Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 29

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the second Day of September AD 1805, They approbated the persons here-

afternamed to receive Licence for the ensuing Year—— (Viz)⸗

For Innholders
- Jonathan Bird
- Nath[l] Weld
- Samuel Harrington
- Peter Davis
- Eliakim Morse

For Retailers
- James Robbins
- John Fowle
- John George
- Moses White
- Jeremiah Fowle
- Daniel Jackson
- John Merchant
- Asa Stone
- Nath[l] R. Whitney

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the seventh Day of October AD 1805, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)⸗

To William Thompson in full of his Acc[t] for Lead to repair the Meeting house in 1802 — —	20,, —
To Charles Bond in full of his Acc[t] for his Services attending Court's &c — — — — — — —	19,, 53
To Moses Coolidge in full of a balance due him on his Acc[t] as Guardian of Nath[l] Harris — —	50,, 16
To Isaac Dana in full for finding Timber, & ground-selling the Ministerial Barn — — — —	9,, 5
	$98,, 74

November 4th AD 1805 The Selectmen signed the following Certificate————

We the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town, having view'd the Line from Doctor Eliakim Morse's New Dwelling house to Newton Line, by his request, and as he will have several of his Trees stand in the Road by his proposed alteration, we do approve of his having his Trees stand & remain for his own benefit & disposal————

As you may see on file⸗

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the second Day of December AD 1805, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Cornelius Lenox for boarding Jude Francis from the 15th of August to the 10th of last October eight Weeks @ $1,, 25 ℔ Week — —	10,, —
To Charles Bond in full of his Acc[t] for the Engine-waggon — — — — — — — — — — —	58,, 94
To Ditto for Cash paid for summoning Witnesses to attend at the Supreme Judicial Court — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, —
To Luda Harris in full for making four pair of Shoes, for————Green, Ruth Maddox, Mary Learned & Spencer Godding — — —	5,, 67
To William Richardson in full for Stones to cover a Sluice at the Northerly side of the Meeting house hill (so called) — — — — —	6,, —
To Edmund Trowbridge Jun[r] in full for Labor at the Creek-bridge, & the School-houses —	26,, 87
To Ditto in full for setting up Guard-posts at the Ministerial house — — — — — — — —	2,, —
To Nath[l] Weld in full for Expences in letting the fishery on the 25th Day of last March —	9,, —
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Samuel W. Warren in full for making a fence at the Burying Yard — — — — — — — — — — —	31,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Eben[r] Vose in full of two Accounts — — — — — — — — — — —	,, 77½
To Ditto for Cash paid Cuff Reed for boarding Jude Francis one Week — — — — — —	1,, 25
To Ditto for Cash paid Israel Porter for Agents & Witnesses expences — — — — —	16,, 96
To John Fowle in full of his Acc[t] to this Day	32,, 39

December 16th 1805 The Selectmen approbated Calvin Brooks to receive Licence as an Innholder for the ensuing Year (instead of Peter Davis————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the sixth Day of January AD 1806 They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Paul Learned in full of his Acc[t] for his Service at the funerals of Stephen Harris, his Wife & Son, & Rachel Goddard — — — — —	12,, —
To Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] Treasurer for the County of Middlesex in full of a Tax for 1805	165,, 47
To Josiah Learned in full of his Acc[t] for twelve Cedar posts for the Burying Yard —	9,, —
	$186,, 47

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the twenty fifth Day of January AD 1806, there was a Petition to the Selectmen from Moses Coolidge & fourteen other Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, for a Town-meeting on the first Monday in February next, And the Selectmen iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz) ⸗

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax, besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the third Day of February next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2[d] To know if the Town will appoint an Agent, or Agents, to appear at any Court with power of substitution, and to approve or disapprove of any alterations made or proposed to be made in the Great-road leading through the Town of Watertown, or to act any thing thereon they may think best————

3d To know if the Town will pay the Execution against Abigail Goddard in favor of Majr Daniel Jackson, and act any thing thereon————

4th To know if the Town will pay Isaac Dana's Account for removing the Ministerial-barn, and act any thing thereon—

5th To know if the Town will consent that the Cotton manufactory of Jeduthun Fuller & others shall be exempt from taxation————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the twenty fifth Day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six—

Nathl R. Whitney
Charles Bond
Edmund Fowle
Josiah Learned
} Selectmen for Watertown

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Middlesex ſs: Watertown Febry 3d 1806 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said Watertown to meet and aſsemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned—by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edwd Lowd Constable—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the third Day of February AD 1806——for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Nathl Bemis Esqr Moderator————

2d Article, Voted to diſmiſs————

3d Article, Voted to diſmiſs————

4th Article, Voted to diſmiſs————

5th Article, The request was withdrawn————

Voted to diſsolve this Meeting————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared diſsolv'd—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the third Day of February AD 1806——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Charles Whitney in full of his Account for work, & carting Stones for laying steps at the doors of the Meeting house — — — — — — — —	2,, 25
To Charles Bond in full of his Acc[t] for Cash paid for Lumber &c. for repairing School-house &c —	47,, 44
To Jacob Watson in full of his Acc[t] for supporting Samuel Jennison in Goal* — — — — — — —	13,, —
	$62,, 69

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 24th Day of February AD 1806, They issued the following Warrant for a Town meeting (Viz)—

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Middlesex ss: To M[r] Daniel Cornwall one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and assemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the tenth Day of March next at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2[d] To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March & April annually————
3[d] To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his Services————

*Editorial Note—probably meant "Gaol"

4th To determine whether Swine, or Neat's Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————
5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year and grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——
6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon————
7th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon————
8th To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to, & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon————
9th To hear the report of any Committee's & act any thing thereon————
10th To choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————
11th To know if the Town will choose an Agent, or Agents to appear before any Court or Courts to defend the Town, in any Action, or Actions depending, & act any thing thereon—
12th To know if the Town will grant, & supply the Revd Richard R. Eliot with a certain quantity of Wood the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————
13th To know if the Town will hear the request of any person, or persons respecting the discontinuance of the Bemis Lane (so called) & act any thing thereon————
14th To know if the Town will abate any delinquencies of Highway Taxes that are aſses'd in the Town Taxes, & act any thing thereon⸗

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Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the tenth Day of March next at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register————

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the third Day of March next at six of the Clock PM.——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the twenty fourth Day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six⸗

Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Charles Bond
Edmund Fowle
Josiah Learned
} Selectmen for Watertown.

Middlesex ſs: Watertown March 10th 1806——Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting-house two Sundays prior to said Meeting.

Daniel Cornwall, Constable.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the third Day of March AD 1806, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz).

To Edmund Fowle in full of a balance on his Acc[t] for attending Court as an evidence in the case of Shirley & Watertown &c. — — — — —	34,, 65
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid for 2 Loads of Wood delivered the West School — — — —	11,, 33
To ditto for Cash paid for 2 Loads of Wood delivered Middle school — — — — — — — — —	7,, 85
To ditto in full for Plank for Creek-bridge, Sundries del[d] poor &c. — — — — — — — — —	125,, 36
To Luke Bemis & others a Committee for the West School in full for said district's proportion for the Year 1805— — — — — — — — — —	250,, —

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To Nath[l] R. Whitney & others a Committee for the Middle school in full for said district's proportion for the Year 1805 — — — — — — — —	250,, —
To Thomas Clark Esq[r] & others a Committee for the East School in full for said district's proportion for the Year 1805 — — — — — — — —	250,, —

To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Samuel Hull for Timber for the Creek-bridge — — —	5,, —
To ditto for Cash paid Edmund Fowle, for Cash he paid Cook & Ayres for 2000 feet Boards for Burying Yard fence — — — — — — — — — —	32,, —
To ditto for Cash paid Willet & Bullard for Timber &c. for a Bridge — — — — — — — — —	8,, 50
To ditto for Cash paid Samuel W. Warren for Labor at the Burying Yard fence— — — — —	31,, —
To ditto for Cash paid Eben[r] Perry & Samuel Nye for laying Wall at the Burying Yard — —	7,, 58
To ditto for Cash paid Josiah Mason Jun[r] for Plank to cover the Creek-bridge — — — — —	41,, 94
To ditto for Cash paid Peter Slater for a rope, for the Well at the Alms-house — — — — — — — —	3,, 8
To Daniel Cornwall in full of his Acc[ts] for shaving Stephen Harris, & his Sons Nath[l] & Stephen	9,, 13
To Walter Hunnewell in full of his Acc[t] for Medicines & attendance on the poor to this Day	37,, —
To Cook & Ayres in full for Boards & Clapboards for the School-houses — — — — — — —	10,, 79

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the tenth Day of March AD 1806—for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] Moderator————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk, and he was sworn into said Office, before Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r]————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer

Voted & chose for Selectmen

- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Charles Bond & was excus'd by his request
- Edmund Fowle
- Josiah Learned
- Amos Livermore Jun[r]

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Voted & chose for Aſſeſsors	Nath[l] R. Whitney Amos Livermore Jun[r] Charles Bond
Voted & chose for Constables	Daniel Coolidge Josiah Learned

Josiah Learned inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Daniel Cornwall to serve as Constable in his stead———
Voted to excuse Josiah Learned from serving as Constable———
Voted & chose Daniel Cornwall Constable in his stead——

Voted to adjourn this Meeting until half past two of the Clock this Afternoon, then to meet at this place———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

Daniel Cornwall was sworn into the Office of Constable, before, Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk———

In the Afternoon of the tenth Day of March AD 1806 The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer & Register———

The Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that the Honb. Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] had forty eight Votes———
Voted & chose Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] & Nath[l] R. Whitney to receive, count & sort the Votes for a County Register———
The Votes for a County Register were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that Samuel Bartlet Esq[r] had fifty seven Votes——Then the Meeting was open'd by adjournment from the Forenoon & proceeded as follows

Voted & chose for Fenceviewers	Luke Bemis Francis Bright Adam Brown John Fowle David Livermore
Voted & chose for Tythingmen	Moses Warren Jun[r] Thomas Dana

Voted to choose four Surveyors of Highways—

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways—
- Adam Brown
- Josiah Learned
- Amos Livermore
- Francis Bright

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Voted & chose for Field-drivers—
- Peter Harrington
- Nath[l] Weld
- Israel Whitney
- Moses Coolidge & was excus'd by his request—
- Daniel Coolidge
- Peter Clark

Voted & chose for Hogreeves
- Phinehas Sanderson
- Elisha W. Dana
- Nath[l] Bright, & was excus'd by his request—
- Joseph Bird
- Nath[l] Harrington
- Lot Alden
- Jonas Smith

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market—
- John George
- Edward Lowd

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves—
- Samuel Holt
- Abner Craft

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber—
- Isaac Dana
- William Bond

Voted & chose for Firewards—
- Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r]
- John Fowle
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Nath[l] Weld
- Luke Bemis
- Charles Bond & was excus'd by his request
- Moses Coolidge

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Pound keeper————
Voted that the Selectmen be directed to appoint a Sexton & agree with him for his Services————
Voted that the Selectmen be directed to procure two new Ploughs————

Voted that Swine, Horses, & Neat Cattle shall not run at large the ensuing Year————
Voted to grant nine hundred Dollars for support of the Schools the ensuing Year
Voted that the Money granted for the support of Schools be equally divided between the three Schools as it was the last Year————
Voted to postpone granting Money for support of the poor to the Adjournnment of this Meeting————

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Voted to grant the same Sum for repairing the Highways, & the same price for Labor as it was last Year————
Voted that a Horse & Cart be allowed half the price of a good Team

Voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney in full of his Acc[t] for his Service as an Aſsesſor last Year —	19,, 50
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for his Service as Treas[r] last Year — — — — — — — — — — — —	40,, —
To Amos Livermore Jun[r] in full for his Service as an Aſsesſor last Y[r] — — — — — — — — —	19,, 50
To Charles Bond in full for ditto — — — — —	19,, 50

Voted & chose for Agents to lease the fishery { Moses Coolidge, Nath[l] R. Whitney }

11th Voted to choose three Agents to appear before any Court or Courts to defend the Town in any Action or Actions depending & that they be vested with the same power as the Agents were, that were chosen on the 18th Day of March AD 1805

Voted & chose for said Agents { Amos Bond Esq[r], Thomas Clark Esq[r], Charles Bond }

12th Voted to grant the Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot twelve cords of Wood the ensuing Year————
Voted that Nath[l] R. Whitney be directed to procure said Wood

13th Voted to choose a Committee to hear the request of any person, or persons respecting the discontinuance of the Bemis Lane (so called) & make report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted & chose for said Committee { Amos Bond Esqr, Charles Bond, Edmund Fowle

14th Article—Referred to the Aſseſsors & Surveyors of Highways, for the Year in which they were aſseſsed in the Highway Tax, and that those persons who have not been warn'd to work out their Highway Taxes, may have an opportunity to work them out under the direction of the Aſseſsors———
Voted that the Treasurer be directed to procure Blanks for the Surveyors of Highway to fill up each persons Tax, & that they be given to every person so aſseſs'd————
Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town, at six of the Clock this Evening——
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

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The Town-meeting was open'd at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on the Evening of the tenth of March AD 1806 by adjournment from the Meeting-house this Day, proceeded as follows————

The collection of the East List of State, County, Town & Ministers Taxes for the ensuing Year, were put up, under the same restrictions as they were the last Year, & the Collector to give bonds at April Meeting, and was struck of to Moses Chenery for two Cents & an half ℔ Dollar———
The collection of the West List of ditto were put up under the same restrictions, & struck of to Samuel Cook for two Cents & three fourths ℔ Dollar————
Then the Hay scales were put up at Auction for the ensuing Year, & were struck of to Nathl R. Whitney for forty Dollars————

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown was put up at Auction for the ensuing Year, & was struck of to Charles Bond for four Dollars & fifty Cents⸗

Voted & chose for Collectors of Taxes⸗ { Moses Chenery, Samuel Cook

Daniel Coolidge inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Edward Lowd to serve as Constable in his stead————
Voted to excuse Daniel Coolidge from serving as Constable
Voted & chose Edward Lowd Constable, & he was sworn into said Office, before Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk——

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd———

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen this Day (Viz) Nath[l] R. Whitney & Charles Bond Aſseſsors, before Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r]————

Luke Bemis, Francis Bright, Adam Brown & John Fowle Fence viewers————
Adam Brown, Josiah Learned, & Francis Bright Surveyors of Highways————
Nath[l] Weld, Israel Whitney, Daniel Coolidge, & Peter Clark Field-drivers——Phinehas Sanderson, Elisha W. Dana, Joseph Bird, Nath[l] Harrington & Jonas Smith, Hogreeves————
Edward Lowd Clerk of the Market——Isaac Dana & William Bond Surveyors of Timber, Before, Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown, on the 25th Day of March AD 1806, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the seventh Day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——Hereof fail not &c.————

You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of April next at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To know if the Town will choose an Agent, or Agents to prosecute, or cause to be prosecuted to final Judgment & Execution any person, or persons who have or shall violate the Law respecting the taking of fish called Shad & Alewives within the limits of the Town of Watertown, & act any thing thereon————
3d To know if the Town will accept of the List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen, & agree on the mode of calling Meetings in future for the appointment of Jurors, & act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings—

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Given under our Hands and Seals, Dated at Watertown the twenty fifth Day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six—

Nathl R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Edmund Fowle
Josiah Learned
Amos Livermore Junr
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown April 7th 1806————

Pursuant to the above Warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said Watertown qualified as above expreſsed to meet & aſsemble at the times & place & for the purposes above mentioned——by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edwd Lowd Constable—

The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston & Waltham agreable to an Act of the General Court paſsed March 2d AD 1798, empowering the Town's of Watertown, Weston & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Town's met at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in said Town, on Monday the 31st Day of March AD 1806, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon——The Agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Appointed Nath[l] R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents———

2d Agreed to adjourn this Meeting to seven of the Clock this Evening then to meet at this place————

The Agents aforesaid met at the time & place aforementioned by adjournment, & proceeded as follows———— They agreed to lease all the privilege & right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River within the limits of Watertown the ensuing Year, on the following Conditions (Viz)

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The privilege of taking the fish called Shad and Alewives within the limits before described three Days in each Week and no more, to the highest bidder, he or they giving Security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents— five ℔ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money—And the residue to be paid on the fifteenth Day of September next— And the purchaser to have the privilege of improving the Seines that the Town now have.—And was leas'd to Roger Adams for six hundred Dollars—And he paid thirty Dollars as earnest Money—And Roger & Smith Adams gave their Note for five hundred & seventy Dollars, payable the fifteenth of September next—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor Counsellors and Senators being duly warned, regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the Seventh Day of April AD 1806——The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors were called for brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names (Viz)

For Governor,

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq[r] had — — — 64 Votes
The Honb. James Sullivan Esq[r] had — — — —100
The Honb. Elbridge Gerry Esq[r] had — — — — 1
Joseph Rufsell had — — — — — — — — — 1

For Lieutenant Governor

His Honor Edward H. Robbins Esqr had — — — 46 Votes
The Honb. Wm Heath Esqr had — — — — —100
The Honb. David Cobb Esqr had — — — — — 1
John George had — — — — — — — — — — 1
William Leathe had — — — — — — — — — 1
Jonathan Child had — — — — — — — — — 1

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For Senators & Counsellors

The Honb. Aaron Hill Esqr had — — — — — 96 Votes
Jonathan Maynard Esqr had — — 96
William Hildreth Esqr had — — — 96
Samuel Dana Esqr had — — — — 96
Timothy Bigelow Esqr had — — — 52
Artemas Ward Esqr had — — — — 52
Timothy Jackson Esqr had — — — 52
Ebenezer Bridge Esqr had — — — 51
Josiah Bartlet Esqr had — — — — 1

Then the Meeting was open'd for the purposes specified in the Warrant for the Meeting aforesaid——Voted & chose Nathl Bemis Esqr Moderator————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in May next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, at this place—— And was accordingly declared adjourn'd————

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh Day of April AD 1806——by adjournment from the tenth Day of last March proceeded as follows————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in May next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd———

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the twenty first Day of April AD 1806——They appointed the following persons Engine men for the ensuing Year (Viz)

John Tucker
Gilbert Nichols
Nath[l] Weld Jun[r]
Daniel Vila
John Hunting
Richard Sanger
Joseph White
Aaron Dana
Tyler Bigelow
Tho[s] H. Bray
John Robbins
Jonathan Alden
Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r]
Samuel M. Holt
Jeſse Fisher⸗

Also, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting⸗

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Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Daniel Cornwall one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting———

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next——Hereof fail not &c.———

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifth Day of May next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2[d] To know if the Town will consent that the Cotton mills & Manufactories in the Town of Watertown may be exempt from Taxes, for the term of seven Years, & act any thing thereon———
3[d] To know if the Town will hear the request of Maj[r] Daniel Jackson, & act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed

for said Meetings——Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the twenty first Day of April in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and six⸗

Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Edmund Fowle
Josiah Learned
Amos Livermore Jun[r]
} Selectmen for Watertown

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Middlesex ſs: Watertown May 5th 1806 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the times and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting⸗

Daniel Cornwall Constable⸗

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified, by the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives, being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth Day of May AD 1806, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant—— The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was read & revis'd——The Votes for a Representative were called for brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that there were One hundred & seventeen Votes given in—— Eighty six of which were for Jonas White——Twenty two for Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] And Nine for Nath[l] R. Whitney—— And Jonas White was chosen ⸗

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth Day of May AD 1806, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator————

2[d] The Orders from the Legislature of this Commonwealth on the Petitions of Seth Bemis, & Jeduthun Fuller, Joseph

Peirce, Enoch Wiswall, Jonas Wood & Uriah Moore's praying to have their Cotton Mills & Manufactories exempt from Taxes for the term of seven Years——It was voted to dismiſs the Article and that it be left discretionary with the Legislature respecting said Cotton Mills & Manufactories being exempt from Taxes for the term of seven Years.———

3d Article, Voted to dismiſs—

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At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of May AD 1806, by adjournment from the seventh day of last April proceeded as follows————

Voted to choose three Agents to prosecute, or cause to be prosecuted to final Judgment & Execution, any person, or persons, who have or shall violate the Law respecting the taking of fish called Shad & Alewives within the limits of the Town of Watertown—

Voted & chose for said Agents { Moses Coolidge / Nath[l] R. Whitney / Edmund Fowle

It was voted to give the Agents aforesaid discretionary directions to make any compromise with any person, or persons who have violated, or shall violate said Law, & act any thing thereon, as they shall judge will be for the Interest of the Town————

It was voted to accept the List of Jurors presented by the Selectmen————

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to select the Jurors, & put their Names into each box agreable to Law————

Voted that the Constables be directed to warn their Meetings in future for the appointment of Jurors, in the same way as has heretofore been practised in this Town————

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth day of May AD 1806 (by adjournment from the tenth day of last March, thence) by adjournment from the seventh day of last April, proceeded as follows————

Peter Harrington was sworn into the Office of Field driver, before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

It was voted to grant five hundred Dollars to support the poor the ensuing Year———

The report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts was read, and is as follows,
That Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer is charg'd

with — — — — — — — — — — — —	6171,, 17
And is credited by — — — — — — — —	5690,, 90
Balance due the Town — — — — — —	$480,, 27

The above is a just & true statement of the Treasurers Accounts to the 5th day of May 1806, as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same—

Thomas Clark
Edmund Fowle
Josiah Learned
Amos Livermore Jun[r]
} Committee—

13th Article, Voted to dismiſs—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the second day of June AD 1806——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Cash paid Gershom Hyde for two Ploughs for the Town's use — —	9,, —
To Francis Faulkner in full of his Acc[t] for his Service as an evidence in the Action Shirley vs Watertown — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 68
To Moses Coolidge in full for summoning Witneſses & attending Court at Concord six days —	9,, —
To Samuel W. Warren in full of his Acc[t] for Materials & Labor in repairing the Well at the Poor house — — — — — — — — — — — — —	17,, 71
To Paul Learned in full for his Service as Sexton last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — —	26,, —

To Ditto in full for his Service at the Funeral of Nath[l] Wagner	3,, —
To Ditto in full for bags for the Palls	2,, —
To Adam Brown in full for services in repairing the Wall at the Burying Yard	6,, 75
To Edmund Fowle in full for fencing stuff, fencing & ploughing the Garden, at the Poor house	4,, 50

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the seventh Day of July AD 1806, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Jonathan Bird in full of his Acc[t] for entertaining the Committee on Roads in December last	11,, 87
To Joseph Bird in full of his Acc[t] for Shares, & Irons for two Ploughs	23,, 50
To Tyler Bigelow for Cash paid Timothy Bigelow for arguing the cause Watertown against Amasa Williams	10,, —
To Ditto for his Service at Worcester on Acc[t] of John Warren & Family	5,, —
To Joel Howe, John K. Coolidge, Nath[l] Stone, James Stone, Ezekiel Whitney, Stephen Locke, & Samuel White Jun[r] for their travel & attendance at Concord Court in March last as Witnesses in the Action Watertown against Amasa Williams $4,,75 each	

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Harrington Innholder in Watertown on Monday the first day of September AD 1806——They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive Licence for the ensuing Year (Viz)

Nathaniel Weld
Samuel Harrington
Calvin Brooks
Samuel Bird
Mark Vose
} Innholders—

James Robbins
John Fowle
John George
Jeremiah Fowle } Retailers
John Merchant
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Aaron Sanger

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Weld on the twentieth day of October AD 1806——They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representatives, in the General Court of said Commonwealth (Viz) the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the third day of November next, being the first Monday in said Month, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex-district——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting, Given under our Hands and Seals, Dated at Watertown the twentieth Day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six—

Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Edmund Fowle
Josiah Learned
} Selectmen for Watertown

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Middlesex ſs: Watertown Nov[r] 3[d] 1806————

Pursuant to the within Warrant I duly notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein expreſsed to aſsemble at the time & place, and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of

the within Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edw[d] Lowd Constable for Watertown—

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown duly qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the third day of November, being the first Monday in said Month AD 1806, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States for the Middlesex-district———

The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was read & revis'd the Votes for a Representative were called for brought in, sorted and counted, & were as follows—

For Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esq[r] thirty three Votes———
Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] nine Votes———
Jonas Wood one Vote—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder on Monday the first day of December AD 1806— They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Daniel Vila in full for supporting Josiah Leavitt mending his Clothes &c. to this day —	8,, —
To Daniel Coolidge & Edward Lowd in full of their Acc[t] for repairing Bridges to last September — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	37,, 12
To Ditto in full for repairing string pieces, & planking the Great-bridge — — — — — — — —	79,, 50

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on Monday the fifth day of January AD 1807——They appointed the following persons Engine men for the ensuing Year (Viz)—

John Tucker	Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r]
Gilbert Nichols	Samuel M. Holt
Nath[l] Weld Jun[r]	Jesse Fisher
Daniel Vila	John L. White

John Hunting
Richard Sanger
Joseph White
Aaron Dana
Tyler Bigelow
Thoˢ H. Bray
Josiah White
Jonathan Bright
Samuel Bright
Elisha W. Dana
Charles Craft
James B. Whitney
Jonathan Robbins

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathˡ Weld on Monday the twenty third day of February AD 1807—— They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To Mʳ Edward Lowd Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

Sʳ You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the ninth day of March next at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles— (Viz)—

1ˢᵗ To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2ᵈ To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March, & April annually————
3ᵈ To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his Services————
4ᵗʰ To determine whether Swine, or Neat's Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————
5ᵗʰ To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——
6ᵗʰ To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon—

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7ᵗʰ To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon————
8ᵗʰ To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to, & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon————

9th To hear the report of any Committee's & act any thing thereon————

10th To choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————

11th To know if the Town will grant, & supply the Revd Richard R. Eliot with a certain quantity of Wood the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————

12th To know if the Town will repair the Hay scales, & erect a Covering for the same, & act any thing thereon————

13th To know if the Town will choose Agents to appear before any Committee, or Court to oppose the laying out of a Road through Watertown, petitioned for by William Wellington & others————

14th To know if the Town will make sale of a piece of Land (lying common,) adjoining Land of Edmund Fowle & Hubbard Rufsell, & act any thing thereon————

15th To know if the Town will grant Money to repair the Great-bridge, & act any thing thereon————

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Free-holders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the ninth day of March next at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer————

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the second day of March next at six of the Clock PM.—— Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings————

Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the twenty third day of February, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven—

Nathl R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Edmund Fowle
Josiah Learned
Amos Livermore Junr

} Selectmen for Watertown

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Middlesex ſs: Watertown March 9th 1807 Pursuant to this Warrant I have duly notified and warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town of Watertown qualified as therein expreſsed to meet and aſsemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting

Edwd Lowd Constable for Watertown

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathl Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the sixth day of March AD 1807——They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Charles Bond in full of his Acct — — — —	11,, 65
To Nathl R. Whitney for Cash paid Edmund Fowle, for Cash he paid the Selectmen of Worcester, for the support of John Warren's Wife & Children — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	89,, 68
To Edmund Fowle in full for two Journeys to Worcester to settle with the Selectmen of Worcester, & for expences in bringing John Warren's Wife & Children to Watertown — — — — — —	22,, —
To Isaac Dana in full of his Acct for Nathl Wagner's Coffin &c. — — — — — — — — — —	7,, 60
To Jonas Wood in full of his Acct for Meal deld the poor &c. — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9,, 27
To John Fowle in full of his Acct for supplies deld the poor — — — — — — — — — — — — —	26,, 98
To Thomas Clark in full of his Acct for his Service as an Agent &c. — — — — — — — — —	13,, 50
To Stephen Cook in full of his Acct for Meal &c. for the poor — — — — — — — — — — — — —	21,, 52
To Josiah Learned in full of his Acct — — — —	29,, 75
To Samuel Wellington in full of his Acct — —	18,, —
To Whitney & Cook in full for laying steps, & pointing the Underpinning &c. at the Meeting house — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	8,, —
To John Meacham in full of his Acct — — — —	,, 50

To John Tucker in full of his Acc^{t} for painting Herse &c. — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, —
To Walter Hunnewell in full for Medicine & attendance on the poor — — — — — — — — — —	28,, —
To Amos Livermore Junr in full for supporting Nathl Wagner in his last Sickneſs & for funeral expences — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	15,, 25
To Thaddeus Cole in full for setting Glaſs in the Meeting house School-house & painting fence at the Burying Yard &c. — — — — — — — — — —	49,, 22
To Luda Harris in full for Shoes for the poor —	8,, 72
To Moses Coolidge in full for his Services — —	8,, 75
To Eben^{r} Bridge County Treas^{r} in full of a County Tax in 1806 — — — — — — — — — —	182,, 4
To Nathl R. Whitney for sundries del^{d} Jon^{a} Tower in his last Sickneſs & Funeral Expences	27,, 82

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To Nathl R. Whitney for Cash paid Cook & Ayres for Plank to cover the Great-bridge — —	179,, 72
To Ditto for Cash paid Israel Porter for Select-mens expences — — — — — — — — — — — —	5,, 91
To Ditto for Cash paid Wiley & Adams for taking Plank from raft — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 67
To Ditto for Cash paid Benj^{a} Gardner for aſsist-ing in watching & taking care of Nathl Harris —	2,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid Elijah Norcroſs for rafting Plank — — — — — — — — — — — — —	10,, —
To Ditto for Cash paid John Stimpson in full of his Acc^{t} — — — — — — — — — — — — —	17,, —
To Ditto in full of his Acc^{t} for supplies del^{d} poor &c. to this day — — — — — — — — — —	371,, 11
To Ditto in full of his Acc^{t} for services &c. — —	28,, 58
To Catha Marshall for supporting Bez^{l} Learned & Wife from 1st May 1806 @ $50—a Year — —	

To Cornelius Lenox for supporting Jude Laffan's Child from 10th October, ——Weeks @ $1,, 25 ℔ Week — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

To Caty Harris for supporting Nath[l] Harris from 27th of last November @ $2,,—℔ Week —

To Nath[l] Weld in full of his Acc[t] for Selectmen & Committee's expence — — — — — — — — — 51,, 79

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the ninth day of March AD 1807, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer————
Nath[l] R. Whitney was sworn into the Office of Town Clerk, before Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator—

Voted & chose for Selectmen
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Jonas White
- Joseph Bright
- Edward Lowd

Voted, That the thanks of the Town be return'd to the Selectmen Ex Officio, for their Services rendered last Year—

Voted & chose for Aſseſsors
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Jonathan Stone
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to half past two of the Clock this Afternoon, then to meet at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the ninth day of March AD 1807, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer.—

The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that, John L. Tuttle had forty five Votes—

Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] thirty eight Votes—

Then the Meeting was open'd by Adjournment from the Forenoon & proceeded as follows—

Voted & chose for Constables
- Joseph Bright
- John George

Voted & chose for Fence viewers—
- David Livermore
- Nath[l] Weld
- Adam Brown, & was excus'd
- Elisha Livermore
- John Fowle
- Daniel Sanger

Voted & chose for Tythingmen—
- Tyler Bigelow
- Levi Thaxter

It was voted to choose five Surveyors of Highways—

Voted& chose for Surveyors of Highways—
- Daniel Bond
- Daniel Coolidge
- Amos Livermore } for the
- David Livermore } Northeast district
- Leonard Bond & was excus'd
- Nath[l] Bright

It was voted to reconsider the Vote respecting the choice of five Surveyors of Highways, so far as to choose one other, for the South east-district, in addition to the five already chosen————

Voted & chose Paul Learned Surveyor of Highways—

Voted & chose for Field-drivers—
- John Fowle
- Nath[l] Weld
- Joseph White
- David Livermore
- Peter Harrington

Voted & chose for Hogreeves—
- Tyler Bigelow
- Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r]
- Elisha W. Dana & was excus'd
- Thaddeus Cole
- Zaccheus Pond
- Enoch Wiswall

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market—
- John George
- Edward Lowd

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Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves — Samuel Holt, Abner Craft

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber — Isaac Dana, William Bond

Voted & chose for Firewards — Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r], John Fowle, Amos Bond Esq[r], Nath[l] Weld, Luke Bemis, Moses Coolidge

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Pound keeper————
Voted that the Selectmen be directed to appoint a Sexton, & agree with him for his Services————
Voted that Swine & Neat Cattle shall not run at large the ensuing Year————
Voted to grant nine hundred Dollars for support of the Schools the ensuing Year————
Voted that the Money granted for support of the Schools, be equally divided between the three Schools as it was the last Year————

6th Article, Voted to postpone granting Money for support of the poor to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

7th Voted to grant the same Sum for repairing the Highways & the same price for Labor as it was last Year————
Voted that the Aſſeſſors be directed to furnish the Surveyors of Highways with Warrants in due form of Law for collecting their Highway Taxes, & if they are not work'd out by the first day of October next, the Surveyors are directed to collect the same, & cause it to be expended in repairing the Highways within their limits—

Voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney in full of his Acc[t] for his Service as an Aſſeſſor last Year — —	22,, 50
To Ditto in full for his Service as Treasurer last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	40,, —
To Charles Bond in full for his Service as an Aſſeſſor last Year — — — — — — — — — — —	22,, 50
To Amos Livermore Jun[r] in full for ditto—last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	22,, 50
To Charles Bond in full of his Acc[t] for repairing two Ladders, making a new one &c. — — — —	12,, 50

Voted & chose for Agents to lease the fishery— { Charles Bond / Nath[l] R. Whitney

Voted to choose a Committee to view the Hay scales & see if in their Opinion it will be expedient to rebuild, & erect a covering for the same, & calculate the expense of the same, & make report to the Town, at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Adam Brown / Edmund Fowle / Nath[l] R. Whitney

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Voted to choose three Agents to appear before any Committee or Court, to oppose the laying out of a Road through Watertown, petitioned for by William Wellington & others—

Voted & chose for said Agents { Amos Bond Esq[r] / Thomas Clark Esq[r] / Charles Bond

Voted that said Agents shall have liberty to procure a Surveyor to take any surveys they may judge neceſsary——
Voted that the Treasurer be directed to furnish said Agents with Money neceſsary to pay for Counsel, & for taking Surveys————

14th Voted to choose a Committee to view a piece of Land (lying common) adjoining Land of Edmund Fowle & Hubbard Ruſsell, & judge the expediency of making sale of said Land, & make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath[l] Weld / Joseph Peirce / Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r]

15th Voted to postpone granting Money to repair the Great-bridge to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen this day (Viz)—

Nath[l] Weld, John Fowle, & Daniel Sanger, Fence-viewers—

Daniel Coolidge, Surveyor of Highways————
John Fowle & Nath[l] Weld Field-drivers————
Tyler Bigelow, Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r], Thaddeus Cole, Zaccheus Pond, & Enoch Wiswall, Hogreeves————
Edward Lowd Clerk of the Market————
Isaac Dana & William Bond Surveyors of Timber, before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

March 11th 1807, Personally appeared Amos Bond Esq[r] Jonas White, Joseph Bright & Edward Lowd of the Town of Watertown, whereof they are Selectmen, & took the Oath faithfully & impartially to discharge the duties of their Office respecting all Sections, and the returns thereof, before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

March 16th 1807 Joseph White was sworn into the Office of Field-driver, And Samuel Holt was sworn into the Office of Culler of Hoops & Staves—before, Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

March 20th 1807 Thomas Clark Esq[r] took the Oath faithfully & impartially to discharge the duties of his Office as a Selectman, respecting all elections, and the returns thereof—before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Samuel Harrington Innholder in Watertown on Monday the twenty third day of March AD 1807, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Edward Lowd Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth.———— Hereof fail not &c————

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and assemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of April next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles, (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting———
2d To know if the Town will choose an Agent, or Agents to prosecute, or cause to be prosecuted to final Judgment & Execution, any person, or persons, who have or shall violate the Law respecting the taking of fish called Shad & Alewives with* the limits of the Town of Watertown, & act any thing thereon———
3d To know if the Town will purchase any Land adjoining Land belonging to the Town, near their Alms house, and act any thing thereon———
4th To know if the Town will extend the Bridge from Tredeways Bridge (so called) to the Bridge built by Vaughan & Apthorp,

Also, to appoint a Committee to establish the boundaries between Jonathan Coolidge Esqr and others, & the Town, & act any thing thereon———

5th To know if the Town will erect a Powder-house & act any thing thereon—

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6th To know if the Town will hear the request of any person, or persons, & act any thing thereon———

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings.——Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the twenty third day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred an seven—

Amos Bond
Thomas Clark
Joseph Bright
Edward Lowd
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex Watertown April 6th 1807———

Editorial Note:—Probably meant "within"; original script has been followed.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed to aſsemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting

Edw[d] Lowd Constable for said Town—

Also, The Selectmen approbated Artemas Murdock, & Joseph Peirce, to receive Licence as Retailers the ensuing Year—

The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston & Waltham, agreable to an Act of the General Court paſsed March 2[d] 1798, empowering the Towns of Watertown, Weston & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Towns met at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 30th day of March AD 1807, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon——The Agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)

1st Appointed Nath[l] R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents———

2[d] Agreed to adjourn this Meeting to half past six of the Clock this Evening, then to meet at this place———
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

The Agents aforesaid met at the time & place aforementioned by adjournment & proceeded as follows———

They agreed to lease all the privilege & right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River within the limits of Watertown the ensuing Year, on the following Conditions (Viz)

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The privilege of taking the fish called Shad and Alewives within the limits before described three Days in each Week and no more to the highest bidder, he or they giving Security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents— five ℔ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money—And the residue to be paid on the fifteenth day of September next— And the purchaser to have the privilege of improving the Seines that the Town now have, and the purchaser to have liberty to procure two new Seines, one for the Shad, & one for the Alewives, & be allow'd a reasonable expence for the same out of the rent———

And was leas'd to Artemas Murdock for four hundred and fifteen Dollars————

He paid as earnest Money — — — — — — — — 21,, —

Artemas Murdock & Smith Adams gave their Note payable on or before the fifteenth day of September next for — — — — — — — — — — 394,, —

$415,, —

April 3d 1807 Amos Bond Esqr Jonathan Stone & Thomas Clark Esqr were sworn into the Office of Aſsesſors,

before Natht R. Whitney, Town Clerk

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Counsellors & Senators being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of April AD 1807, The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Counsellors were called for brought in sorted, & counted, & it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names (Viz)

For Governor

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esqr had seventy six Votes——
Hon. James Sullivan Esqr had One hundred & ten Votes——

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Levi Lincoln Esqr had One hundred & seven Votes——
His Honor Edward H. Robbins Esqr had sixty six Votes
His Excellency Caleb Strong Esqr had One Vote——
Hon. James Sullivan Esqr had One Vote——

For Senators & Counsellors

The Hon. Jonathan Maynard Esqr had One hundred & nine Votes
Aaron Hill Esqr had One hundred & nine Votes
William Hildreth Esqr had One hundred & nine Votes
Samuel Dana Esqr had One hundred & ten Votes
Ebenr Bridge Esqr had sixty five Votes
Artemas Ward Esqr had sixty six Votes
Timothy Bigelow Esqr had sixty six Votes
Timothy Jackson Esqr had sixty six Votes

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of April AD 1807, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows————

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator
Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the thirteenth day of April Instant at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

At a Public Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of April AD 1807, by adjournment from the ninth day of March last————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the thirteenth day of April Instant at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, in the Evening of Monday the sixth day of April AD 1807, They agreed with Cornelius Lenox, to support the Child of Jude Francis for One Dollar & seventy five Cents ℔ Week from this date until further Orders of the Selectmen

Also, Allowed Edward Lowd's Acc^{t} for sundry Articles of Clothing delivered Abigail Jennison for the Funeral of her Husband — — — — — — — $9,, 12½

Also, Eliza Palmer & C$^{o's}$ Acc^{t} for ditto — — — 2,, 37

Also, The Selectmen appointed Elijah Norcroſs, Clinton Thayer, John Stimpson Junr & Francis Whitney Engine men for the ensuing Year—(instead of Tyler Bigelow, Nathl R. Whitney Junr, Samuel M. Holt, & James B. Whitney

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of April AD 1807, by Adjournment from the sixth day of April Instant proceeded as follows

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Article 2d Voted to choose three Agents to prosecute or cause to be prosecuted to final Judgment & Execution any person, or persons, who have or shall violate the Law respecting the taking of fish called Shad & Alewives within the limits of the Town of Watertown, & act any thing thereon, as they shall judge will be for the Interest of the Town—

Voted & chose for said Agents— Nath[l] R. Whitney, Thomas Clark Esq[r], Charles Bond

3d Voted to choose a Committee of five persons, and that they be vested with unlimited power, & that they shall have full right to use their discretion in behalf of the Town, in respect to purchasing, & receiving a Deed of any Land, adjoining the Town's Land (on which the Alms-house stands) for the use & benefit of the Town, & act any thing thereon, as they may judge will be for the Interest of the Town—

Voted & chose for said Committee — Amos Bond Esq[r], Thomas Clark Esq[r], Nath[l] R. Whitney, Moses Coolidge, Edmund Fowle

4th It was voted to choose a Committee to extend the Bridge from Tredeways Bridge (so called) to the Bridge built by Vaughan & Apthorp—

Voted & chose for said Committee — Joseph Peirce, Edmund Fowle, John Fowle

Voted that the above Committee have discretionary power, in respect to filling up the gap & extending said Bridge

Voted to choose a Committee to establish the boundaries, near Tredeways Bridge (so called) between Jonathan Coolidge Esq[r] & others, & the Town, & that they be empowered to establish meet & lasting bounds—

Voted & chose for said Committee — Joseph Peirce, Edmund Fowle, John Fowle, Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r], Nath[l] R. Whitney

5th Edmund Fowle inform'd the Town that he would give them a piece of Land on his Hill to erect a Powder-house———

Voted to choose a Committee to build a Powder-house—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Thomas Clark Esqr / Edmund Fowle / Adam Brown

Voted to grant One hundred Dollars for the above purpose—

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6th The petition of Thomas Wellington was read, wherein he prays the Town to make him a further compensation for supporting the poor———And it was voted to be dismiſs'd————

Also, The request of Roger, & Smith Adams, for allowance on the rent of the fishery was stated——And it was voted to be dismiſs'd—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of April AD 1807, by Adjournment, from the sixth day of April Instant, (which was by an Adjournment from the ninth day of last March) & proceeded as follows————

Voted to excuse John George from serving as Constable——

Joseph Bright inform'd the Town, that he has agreed with Edward Lowd to serve as Constable in his stead————

Voted to excuse Joseph Bright from serving as Constable——

Voted & chose Edward Lowd Constable, & he was sworn into said Office, before Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk——

Voted & chose William Thompson Constable————

The report of the Committee chosen on the ninth day of March last, to view the Hay scales belonging to the Town, was read & is as follows——That we are of Opinion that it will be neceſsary to rebuild them, & the expence of the same we calculate at One hundred & eighty Dollars, including the expence of a covering for the same, & the old Hay scales will reduce the expense of one third part, which will reduce the expence to One hundred & twenty Dollars— And in our Opinion if the Creek between Tredeways Bridge (so called) & the Bridge built by Vaughan & Apthorp should be cover'd, there will be a convenient place to erect the new Hay scales

Voted to choose a Committee for the purpose aforesaid—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Adam Brown / Edmund Fowle / Nath[l] R. Whitney

Voted to grant One hundred & twenty Dollars for the purpose aforesaid————

The Committee chosen for the purpose of viewing a piece of Land, (lying common) adjoining Land of Edmund Fowle & Hubbard Rufsell made report, that it is their Opinion the same may be sold with little inconvenience to the neighbouring Inhabitants, & much to the advantage of Edmund Fowle——

Voted to make sale of said Land⸗

Voted & chose for a Committee to make sale of said Land⸗ { Amos Bond Esq[r] / Adam Brown / Joseph Peirce

Voted that said Land be sold, at public Vendue————
Voted that the Committee be directed not to make sale of said Land until after May Meeting⸗

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Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in Watertown, at seven of the Clock this Evening——
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

David Livermore was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways——before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk———

On the Evening of the thirteenth day of April AD 1807, the Town-meeting was open'd at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in Watertown, by Adjournment from the Public Meeting-house, this day, & proceeded as follows————

Voted to excuse William Thompson from serving as Constable————
Voted & chose John George Constable————

The collection of the East List of State, County, Town & Minister's Taxes, for the ensuing Year, were put up to the lowest bidder, under the same restrictions as they were the last Year, & was struck of to Moses Chenery for two Cents & an half ℔ Dollar————

The collection of the West List of ditto, were put up under the same restrictions, & was struck of to Samuel Cook for two Cents & three fourths ℔ Dollar————

Voted & chose Moses Chenery & Samuel Cook Collectors of Taxes————

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown, was put up at Auction for the ensuing Year, & was struck of to Edmund Trowbridge Junr for five Dollars & twenty five Cents————

It was voted to choose a Committee to ascertain the bounds, & privileges belonging to the Wharf in Cambridge, which belong to the Town of Watertown, & make report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Amos Livermore
- Moses Coolidge
- Charles Bond
- Josiah Learned
- Adam Brown, & was excus'd
- William Bond

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the day of Town meeting in May next, for the choice of Representative, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting house————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

Nathl Bright & Paul Learned were sworn into the Office, of Surveyors of Highways————

David Livermore was sworn into the Office of Fence-viewer————

Also, He was sworn into the Office of Field-driver————

Before Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the twentieth day of April AD 1807, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Dana & Rufsell in full of their Acc^{t} for repairing the Great bridge — — — — — — — — —	22,, 87
To Edmund Trowbridge Junr in full of his Acc^{t} for Labor at ditto — — — — — — — — — — — —	8,, 75
To Ditto for rafting Timber for the Bridge — —	11,, 88
To Paul Kendall for making Bez^{l} Learned's Clothes — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 83

To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full of his Acc[t] for supplying the poor &c ——————— 62,, 14

Also, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd Constable of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday next——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting————Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the twentieth day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven—

Amos Bond
Thomas Clark
Joseph Bright
Edward Lowd
} Selectmen for Watertown—

Middlesex ſs: Watertown May 4th 1807————

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have warned the Male Inhabitants of said Town, to aſsemble at the time and place, & for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edward Lowd, Constable—

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At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of May AD 1807, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to

represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened & held on the last Wednesday of May Instant—

The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was revisd & read————

The Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in sorted & counted, & it appeared that there were ninety three Votes given in————

Ninety one of which were for Jonas White——One for Nath[l] Weld——One for Thomas Dana——And Jonas White was chosen—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of May AD 1807, by Adjournment from the sixth day of April last, proceeded as follows————

It was voted to excuse John George from serving as Constable————
Voted & chose Eliakim Morse Constable————

Voted to grant five hundred Dollars to support the poor the present Year————

The report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts was read and is as follows—

That Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treas[r]	
is credited by — — — — — — — — — — —	7239,, 1
And is charg'd with — — — — — — — — — —	6797,, 43
Balance due the Treasurer — — — — — — —	$441,, 58

Watertown May 4th 1807 The above is a just & true statement of the Treasurers Accounts to the 4th day of May 1807, as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same—

Thomas Clark
Edmund Fowle
Josiah Learned
Amos Livermore Jun[r] } Committee

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to iſsue Executions against the delinquent Collectors that have had their Lists previous to the Year 1806, at the expiration of ninety days from this date—

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It was voted to reconsider the Vote paſsed on the thirteenth day of April last in respect to making sale of a piece of Land (lying common) adjoining Land of Edmund Fowle & Hubbard Ruſsell————

It was voted not to make sale of said Land————

Voted to grant three hundred Dollars to repair the Great Bridge

Voted to choose a Committee to repair the Great-bridge—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] / Jonas White / Nath[l] Weld

Voted that the Committee chosen on the thirteenth day of last April (Viz) Joseph Peirce, Edmund Fowle, John Fowle, Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] & Nath[l] R. Whitney to establish the boundaries near Tredeways Bridge (so called) between Lands of Jonathan Coolidge Esq[r] & others, & the Town, & that they be empowered to give, and receive quit claim deeds of the same in behalf of the Town————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in June next, at seven of the Clock in the Evening, then to meet at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town———— And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the House of Ezra Farrar, Innholder in said Town on Monday the first day of June AD 1807, by Adjournment from the fourth day of May last, proceeded as follows————

Eliakim Morse inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Thaddeus Cole to serve as Constable in his stead————

Voted to excuse Eliakim Morse from serving as Constable— Voted & chose Thaddeus Cole Constable——And he was sworn into said Office, Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of the Widow ————Harrington in Watertown on Monday the seventh day of September AD 1807, the approbated the persons

hereafter named to receive Licence for the ensuing Year (Viz)

For Innholders { Nath[l] Weld, Samuel Bird, Ezra Farrar

For Retailers { James Robbins, John Fowle, John George, Jeremiah Fowle, Nath[l] R. Whitney, Aaron Sanger, Joseph Peirce, Artemas Murdock, Eliakim Morse

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in Watertown on Friday the fourth day of December AD 1807, The settled & adjusted the Charge of supporting the Widow Sarah White & her Daughter Lucy, with Joshua Longley Esq[r] in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Shirley to the eighth day of

December Ins[t] — — — — — — — — — — —	478,, 21
Execution & cost on the same — — — — —	278,, 44
Costs on another Action — — — — — — —	48,, 35
	$805,, —
The Treasurer gave a Note on demand for — —	478,, 21

Also, The Selectmen agreed with Joshua Longley Esq[r] to support the Widow Sarah White for the term of One Year, from the eighth day of December Instant (extra Sickneſs & neceſsary Clothing excepted) & he is to receive One Dollar ℔ Week for her support.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the fourth day of January AD 1808, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the persons hereafter named the Sums annex'd their Names (Viz).

To the Executors of the Estate of William Hunt Esq[r] in full of s[d] deceas'ds Acc[t] — — — — —	6,, 17
To Eben[r] Vose in full for a Coffin for Joseph Child's Wife — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, 50
To Elijah Norcroſs in full for collecting Timber & Plank — — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 25
To Nahum Farrar in full for Labor in the Well at the Poor house — — — — — — — — — —	1,, —

To Charles Bond in full for his Service as an Aſſeſsor last Year — — — — — — — — — — — — 22,, 50

To Amos Bond in full of his Acc[t] for supplies del[d] the poor &c — — — — — — — — — — — — 109,, 46

To ditto in full for a Feather-bed del[d] at the Poor house — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 17,, 55

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Thursday the twenty eighth day of January AD 1808, They appointed the following persons Engine-men for the ensuing Year (Viz)—

John Tucker
Gilbert Nichols
John Hunting
Daniel Vila
Nath[l] Weld Jun[r]
Jonathan Robbins
Elisha W. Dana
Samuel Bright
Josiah White
Joseph White
Richard Sanger
John L. White
Clinton Thayer
John Stimpson Jun[r]
Francis Whitney
Jeſse Fisher
Elijah Norcroſs

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the twenty second day of February AD 1808, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March next at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles—(Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2[d] To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March and April annually————
3[d] To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his Services————

4th To determine whether Swine, or Neats Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————

5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——

6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon————

7th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon————

8th To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to, & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon—

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9th To hear the report of any Committee's, & act any thing thereon————

10th To choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————

11th To know if the Town will grant & supply the Revd Richard R. Eliot with a certain quantity of Wood the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————

12th To know if the Town will choose Agents to appear before any Committee, or Court to oppose the laying out of a Road through Watertown, petitioned for by William Wellington & others; or any other Road contemplated to be laid out through said Town of Watertown, & act any thing thereon————

13th To know if the Town will make any repairs to the Ministerial-house, & act any thing thereon————

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer——

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on Friday the fourth day of March next at six of the Clock PM. Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands and Seals at Water-

town the twenty second day of February, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight

Amos Bond Thomas Clark Edw[d] Lowd	Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs Watertown March 7th 1808 Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified and warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet & aſsemble at the time & place and for the purposes above mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting

Edw[d] Lowd Constable for Watertown

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen on the day aforesaid, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Timothy Bigelow for arguing to the Court of Seſsions the Newton-road (so called) — — — —	10,, —
To Moses Warren for a pair of Shoes delivered Mary Learned — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 25
To Edmund Fowle in full of his Acc[t] for attending Courts &c — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,, —
To Amos Bond Esq[r] Administrator on the Estate of Sam[l] Harrington deceas'd for Selectmens expences — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 96
To Josiah Learned in full of his Acc[t] for his Services — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Friday the fourth day of March AD 1808, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)

To Jonas White in full of his Acc[t] for supplies delivered the poor — — — — — — — — — —	29,, 84
To Stephen Cook in full for Meal delivered the poor — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	5,, 75

To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full of his Acc[t] for supplies delivered the poor to this day — — — —	258,, 85
To ditto in full for Wood delivered the Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot — — — — — — — — — — — —	55,, 49
To Thomas Heard Jun[r] in full of his Acc[t] for fixing bolts for Bridge, making Fire-hooks &c. —	15,, 55
To Paul Learned in full for carting Plank for the Bridge — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	11,, —
To ditto in full for his Service in digging the Graves & attending the Funerals of Samuel Jennison, Joseph Child's Wife, & Jude Francis's Child — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	8,, —
To Coolidge & Lowd for rafting the Bridge Timber — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, —
To Daniel Coolidge for Wool delivered Joseph Child — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	1,, 26
To Walter Hunnewell in full of his Acc[t] for Medicines & attendance on the poor — — — —	32,, —
To Dana & Ruſsell in full of their Acc[t] for damage to ropes & Poles &c — — — — — — — — —	2,, 50
To Cornelius Lenox in full for supporting Jude Francis's Child from the sixth of April, to the tenth of December last, & for trouble in attending the funeral — — — — — — — — — — — —	63,, 50
To Samuel Bird in full for supplies delivered the Committee from the Court of Seſsions in laying out a Road — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	6,, —
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for Cash paid Joshua Longley Esq[r] in full of an Execution Shirley against Watertown, & costs on the same	278,, 44
To ditto for Cash paid ditto in full for costs on another Action — — — — — — — — — — — —	48,, 35

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To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for Cash paid Edmund Trowbridge Jun[r] in full for making a Crib for Nath[l] Harris — — — — — — — — —	2,, —
To ditto for Cash paid Nath[l] Weld in full of two Acc[ts] — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, 29

To ditto for Cash paid Josiah Moore Overseer of the poor in Cambridge for Samuel Whites support in Goal* &c — — — — — — — — — — —	12,, 12
To ditto for Cash paid William Godding in part for supporting his Father Spencer Godding —	8,, —
To Catha Marshall for supporting Bez[l] Learned & Wife from the first day of May last at fifty Dollars ℔ Year — — — — — — — — — — — —	
To Charles Bond in full for his Services in attending Court as an Agent — — — — — — — — —	5,, —
To Ezra Farrar in full of his Acc[t] for Selectmen's expences last Year — — — — — — — — — — —	20,, 81

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs, being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March AD 1808, for the purpose of transacting the business as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————
Nath[l] R. Whitney was sworn into the Office of Town Clerk, before Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer—

Voted & chose for Selectmen
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Joseph Bright
- Edward Lowd

Voted & chose for Assessors
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Jonathan Stone

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to three of the Clock this Afternoon, then to meet at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly assembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March AD 1808, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer

**Editorial Note:—probably meant* "Gaol".

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The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that John L. Tuttle Esqr had forty four Votes————

Eben^{r} Bridge Esqr had twenty five Votes————

Then the Meeting was open'd by Adjournment from the Forenoon, & proceeded as follows.

Voted & chose for Constables
- John George
- Daniel Bernard

Voted & chose for Fence viewers
- David Livermore
- Moses Coolidge & was excus'd
- Josiah Learned
- Elisha Livermore
- Stephen Cook
- Isaac Dana

Voted & chose for Tythingmen
- Phinehas Sanderson
- Elisha W. Dana

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways
- Nathl Bemis & was excus'd
- Adam Brown & was excus'd
- Joseph White & was excus'd
- Amos Bond Esqr
- John Fowle
- Joseph Bright
- Jonathan Brown & was excus'd
- Charles Whitney
- David Livermore

Voted & chose for Field-drivers
- John L. White
- Jonathan Robbins
- Ephraim Wellington
- Isaac Dana
- Charles Whitney
- Joshua Coolidge

Voted & chose for Hogreeves
- John Hunting
- Samuel Cook
- Charles Whitney
- Daniel Sanger
- Israel Whitney
- David Baker

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market
- Aaron Sanger
- Elisha W. Dana

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves
- Samuel Holt
- Abner Craft

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber
- Isaac Dana
- Joseph Peirce

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Voted & chose for Firewards { Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] / John Fowle / Amos Bond Esq[r] / Nath[l] Weld / Luke Bemis / Moses Coolidge

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Pound keeper————
Voted that the Selectmen be directed to appoint a Sexton & agree with him for his Services————
Voted that Neat Cattle shall not run at large the ensuing Year————
Voted to grant nine hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing Year————
Voted that the Money granted for support of the Schools, be equally divided between the three Schools as it was the last Year————
Voted to postpone granting Money for a Singing-school to the Adjournment of this Meeting—

6th Article, Voted to Postpone granting Money for support of the poor to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

7th Voted to grant the same Sum for repairing the Highways, & the same price for Labor as it was the last Year————
Voted to grant One hundred Dollars to repair the Highways under the rocks (so called) beginning at Waltham line on said road, & continue on said road to West Cambridge line————
Voted that the Selectmen be directed & empowered to appoint an Overseer to take the charge of expending the aforesaid Sum in repairing said Highway, & that the Selectmen draw an Order on the Treasurer for said Sum to repair said Highway————

8th It was voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for his Service as Treasurer last Year — — — $40,, —

9th Article, It was voted to postpone hearing the report of any Committee's to the Adjournment of this Meeting——

10th Voted & chose for Agents to lease the Fishery—

{ Edward Lowd / Moses Coolidge

11th It was voted to grant the Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot twelve cords of Wood the ensuing Year————

Voted that Nath[l] R. Whitney be directed to procure said Wood————

Voted that the Agents chosen to lease the Fishery be empowered to procure Seines for the Fishery if neceſsary—

12th Voted to choose three Agents to appear before any Committee, or Court to oppose the laying out of a Road through Watertown petitioned for by William Wellington & others; or any other Road contemplated to be laid out through said Town of Watertown, & act any thing thereon, as they may judge will be for the Interest of the Town—

Voted & chose for said Agents— Thomas Clark Esq[r], Edmund Fowle, Edward Lowd

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13th It was voted to choose a Committee to view the Ministerial-house, & consider the convenience & neceſsity of making any alteration, or repairs, to said House, & make an estimate of the expense the same will amount to, & make report to the Town, at the Adjournment of this Meeting—

Voted & chose for said Committee— William Leathe, Adam Brown, Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] & was excus'd, Isaac Dana

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to seven O'Clock this Evening then to meet at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in said Town——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

The Town-meeting was open'd at the House of Nath[l] Weld Innholder in Watertown on the Evening of the seventh of March AD 1808, by Adjournment from the Meeting house, on said day, proceeded as follows————

Voted to postpone farming out the collection of Taxes, to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

Voted to postpone leasing the Hay scales to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the fourth day of April next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting house——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

Then the following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices, to which they were chosen this day—(Viz)—

Nath[l] R. Whitney into the Offices of Town Treasurer, Selectman & Aſſeſſor, & Jonathan Stone as an Aſſeſſor, before Amos Bond Esq[r]————

Amos Bond Esq[r] Joseph Bright & Edward Lowd, Selectmen————

Amos Bond Esq[r] & Jonathan Stone Aſſeſſors————

David Livermore, Josiah Learned, Elisha Livermore, & Isaac Dana, Fence-viewers————

John Fowle, Amos Bond Esq[r] Joseph Bright & David Livermore Surveyors of Highways————

John L. White, Ephraim Wellington & Isaac Dana Field-drivers————

Samuel Cook, Daniel Sanger & Israel Whitney, Hogreeves

Isaac Dana Surveyor of Timber, before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

March 9th 1808 Jonathan Robbins was sworn into the Office of Field-driver

March 10th John Hunting was sworn into the Office of Hogreeve————

14th Joshua Coolidge was sworn into the Office of Field-driver—before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the twenty first day of March AD 1808, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

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Middlesex ſs: To M[r] Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown,————————Greeting—

S[r] You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn the Male Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the fourth day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen

before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands and Seals, at said Watertown this twenty first day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight⸗

Amos Bond
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Joseph Bright
Edward Lowd
} Selectmen for Watertown

Watertown April 4th 1808⸗

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house two Sundays prior to said Meeting⸗

Thad[s] Cole Constable⸗

March 25th 1808 Charles Whitney was sworn into the Offices of Surveyor of Highways, & Hogreeve——Also David Baker was sworn into the Office of Hogreeve, before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk⸗

The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston & Waltham agreable to an Act of the General Court paſsed March 2[d] 1798, empowering the Towns of Watertown, Weston & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Town's met at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 28th day of March AD 1808, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon——The Agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

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1st Appointed Nath[l] R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents———

2[d] Agreed to adjourn this Meeting to seven of the Clock this Evening, then to meet at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

The Agents aforesaid met at the time & place aforementioned by adjournment & proceeded as follows————

They agreed to lease all the privilege & right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River within the

limits of Watertown the ensuing Year, on the following Conditions (Viz) The privilege of taking the fish called Shad and Alewives within the limits before described three Days in each Week and no more to the highest bidder, he or they giving Security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents——five ℔ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money——And the residue to be paid on the fifteenth day of September next——And the purchaser to have the privilege of improving the Seines that the Town now have, and the purchaser to have liberty to procure One new Shad Seine, & be allow'd a reasonable expence for the same out of the rent——The person or persons who improve the fishery shall be accountable to the Agents for the improvement of the Seines, if they are improved for the fishery in Newton, in proportion to the rent of the Watertown & Newton fishery——And was struck of to Thaddeus Cole for three hundred & seventy two Dollars——And he paid Eighteen Dollars & sixty Cents as earnest Money—— And he & others gave a Note for three hundred fifty three Dollars & forty Cents payable on the fifteenth day of September next⸗

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors and Senators, being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of April AD 1808, The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Counsellors & Senators, were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names— (Viz)⸗

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For Governor

His Excellency James Sullivan Esqr One Hundred & twenty three Votes————

Hon. Christopher Gore Esqr had sixty eight Votes————

For Lieutenant Governor

His Honor Levi Lincoln Esqr had One hundred & twenty Votes————

Hon. David Cobb Esqr had sixty six Votes————

Sappy Sanderson had One Vote————

For Senators & Counsellors—

Hon. Samuel Dana Esq[r] had One hundred & twenty Votes
Hon. Aaron Hill Esq[r] had One hundred & twenty Votes——
John L. Tuttle Esq[r] had One hundred & twenty Votes——
Hon. Amos Bond Esq[r] had One hundred & twenty Votes—
Hon. Artemas Ward Esq[r] had sixty seven Votes———
Timothy Bigelow Esq[r] had sixty seven Votes———
Hon. Eben[r] Bridge Esq[r] had sixty seven Votes———
Timothy Jackson Esq[r] had sixty seven Votes———

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of April AD 1808, by adjournment from the seventh day of last March, proceeded as follows————

John George inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Edward Lowd to serve as Constable in his stead————
Voted to excuse John George from serving as Constable——
Voted & chose Edward Lowd Constable————
Edward Lowd & Daniel Bernard were sworn into the Office of Constable——Before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

The Committee appointed on the seventh day of last March, to view the Ministerial-house, reported that some repairs will be neceſsary, & the probable expense be twenty Dollars——As you may see on file—

Voted to accept the report of said Committee, so far as that they will make some repairs to said House————
Voted that said Committee be directed to make said repairs————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to seven O'Clock this Evening, then to meet at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town————————And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs regularly aſsembled at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town on the Evening of the fourth of April AD 1808, by adjournment from the Meeting house on said day, proceeded as follows————

It was voted to grant twenty five Dollars to repair the Ministerial house

It was voted to choose a Committee to view & examine the Sluice at Treadeways Bridge (so called) & judge of the neceſsity of widening said Sluice-way, or making another new one——And make report to the town at the adjournment of this Meeting—

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Voted & chose for said Committee— Amos Bond Esq[r] & was excus'd
Moses Coolidge
Nath[l] Bright
Josiah Learned
Paul Learned
Nath[l] R. Whitney

It was voted to farm out the collection of State, County Town & Minister's Taxes for the ensuing Year to the lowest bidder under the following restrictions (Viz) That the Collector be obliged to complete the collection of his Taxes in one Year from receiving his List (unleſs any part be suspended by Order of the Selectmen) on penalty of forfeiting his whole Premium for collection————

The East List of ditto were put up under the same restrictions & struck of to Moses Chenery for two Cents & three fourths ℔ Dollar————

The West List of ditto were put up under the same restrictions & struck of to Thaddeus Cole for three Cents & three fourths ℔ Dollar————

The Hay scales were put up at Auction for the ensuing Year, & were struck of to John Tucker for forty Dollars——

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown was put up at Auction for the ensuing Year, & was struck of to Jonas Bond for three Dollars————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

The Selectmen appointed Jonathan Stone Jun[r] & Joseph Ruſsell Jun[r] Engine-men—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the eighteenth day of April AD 1808——They appointed Artemas Murdock an Engine man————

Also, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting on the second day of May next————

Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown,————————Greeting⸗

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of May next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of

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Choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting, Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the eighteenth day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight⸗

Amos Bond
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Joseph Bright
Thomas Clark
Edward Lowd
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs Watertown May 2[d] 1808————

Pursuant to this Warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town at the time & for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting⸗

Edw[d] Lowd Constable for Watertown⸗

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of May AD 1808, by Adjournment from the fourth day of last April proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

It was voted to grant fifty Dollars to defray the expence of a Singing-School the ensuing————

It was voted to have the Singing-school under the direction of the Selectmen————

It was voted to grant One thousand Dollars to support the poor the ensuing Year, (including the expense of the Widow Sarah White & her Daughter Lucy) to the Town of Shirley

It was voted to grant fifteen Dollars, (in addition to One hundred Dollars granted on the seventh of last March,) to repair the Highways under the Rocks (so called)—

It was voted to grant Amos Bond Esqr in full for his Service as an Afsefsor last Year — — — — —	28,, 50
Thomas Clark Esqr in full for ditto — — —	21,, —
Jonathan Stone in full for ditto — — — —	18,, —

The report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts was read, and is as follows—

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That Nathl R. Whitney Town Treasurer	
is credited by — — — — — — — — — —	7563,, 27
And is charged with — — — — — — — —	6976,, 1
Balance due the Treasurer — — — — —	$587,, 26

Watertown May 2^{d} 1808 The above is a just & true statement of the Treasurer's Accounts to the 2^{d} day of May 1808, as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same—

Amos Bond
Thomas Clark } Committee
Edwd Lowd

As you may see on file—

It was voted to accept the report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurers Accounts————

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to cause all the outstanding Taxes (excepting the Taxes of last Year) to be settled within ninety days————

The Committee appointed to repair the Great-bridge made the following report & statement of the expence for said repairs as follows—

To Nathaniel Wales bill of Timber — — — —	184,, 47
Henry Crafts——d° — — — — — — — —	102,, 97
Jonas Whites ——d° for Stones &c — — —	78,, 83
Wiley & Adams's d° — — — — — — — —	38,, 43
Nathaniel Welds d° — — — — — — — —	39,, 90
William Bonds d° — — — — — — — — —	20,, 13
Edmund Trowbridge's d° — — — — — —	57,, 13
Joseph Ruſsell's—d° — — — — — — —	34,, 10
Elijah Norcroſs & Moses Whitney's d° —	12,, —
Nath[l] R. Whitneys————————d° —	2,, 50
Loring Wheeler's————————d° for drawing Timber	1,, —
Thomas Heards————————d° —	,, 75
Nath[l] Bemis's ————————d° for carting Stones &c	11,, 84
	584,, 5
By old Timber sold — — — — — — —	46,, 90
	$537,, 15

As you may see on file

It was voted to accept the report of said Committee———
It was voted to grant twenty Dollars to paint the sells* of the railing of the Great-bridge, & that said Committee have the direction of said painting————
Voted that said Committee present an Account to the Selectmen for their services for repairing the Great-bridge for allowance————

Voted that the Aſseſsors be directed to aſseſs the Sum that said Committee have allowed them in the next Town Tax—

The Committee appointed to view the Sluice at Treadeways bridge (so called) made report——As you may see on file
It was voted to dismiſs said report————

Voted & chose Moses Chenery & Thaddeus Cole Collectors of Taxes for the ensuing Year

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Voted & chose the Selectmen Fish-agents————
Voted that the Selectmen, Tyler Bigelow & Levi Thaxter Esq[r] be a Committee to have the direction of prosecuting, or cause to be prosecuted any person, or persons who have, or shall violate the Law respecting the taking of Shad & Alewives within the limits of the Town of Watertown

*Editorial Note: probably meant "sills".

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of May AD 1808, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened & held on the last Wednesday of May Instant———

The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was read & revis'd————

The Votes for a Representative were called for brought in sorted & counted & it appeared that there were One hundred & thirty Votes given in————

Ninety three of which were for Thomas Clark Esqr————

Thirty six for Nathl R. Whitney, & One for Nathl Bemis Esqr——And Thomas Clark Esqr was chosen————

It was voted to return the thanks of the Town, to Jonas White for his past Services as a Representative—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the ninth day of May AD 1808, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown,————————Greeting—

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll, or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the twenty third day of May Instant at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

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2^{d} To know if the Town will accept the List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen, and act any thing thereon————

3^{d} To know if the Town will agree upon a mode of calling Meetings in future, for the appointment of Jurors, and act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our hands and Seals at Watertown this ninth day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight〜

Amos Bond
Nath[l] R. Whitney } Selectmen for Watertown
Edward Lowd

Middlesex ſs: Watertown May 21st 1808, Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting〜

Edward Lowd Constable for Watertown〜

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty third day of May AD 1808; for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows————

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator————
2[d] The List of Jurors prepared & presented by the Selectmen was read————
It was voted to accept of said List of Jurors————

3[d] Voted that the method for calling Meetings for the purpose of drawing, or appointing Jurors agreable to Law shall in future be by posting a Notification of the same at the Public Meeting house in said Town, one Sunday previous to said Meeting, or by notifying the Selectmen, or the major part of them, & the Town Clerk, in due season, previous to said Meetings〜

Moses Coolidge
Leonard Bond
Moses Bright } were drawn out of the box, to serve as Grand Jurors, at the Circuit Court to be holden at Boston, on the first day of June next〜

Jeremiah Fowle
Edmund Fowle
James Robbins } were drawn out of the box to serve as Petit Jurors at said Court〜

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the fifth day of September AD 1808, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Thomas Clark in full of his Acct for his Service as an Agent &c.— — — — — — — — —	51,, 66
To Ditto in full of his Acct for ditto — — — —	8,, —
To John L. Tuttle County Treasurer for a Tax in 1808 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	254,, 86
To George Stearns in full for boarding Mary Learned from 2d of Novr 1807, to 2d May 1808— 26 Weeks @ 75 Cts — — — — — — — — — —	19,, 50
To Ebenr Vose in full for making a Coffin for Jude Francis's Child, & for repairing blinds at the School-house — — — — — — — — — — —	2,, 50
To Walter Hunnewell in full for Joseph Child's debt — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	13,, 33

They approbated the persons hereafter named to receive license the ensuing Year—(Viz)—

For Innholders
- Nathl Weld
- Samuel Bird
- Ezra Farrar
- Charles Weston

For Retailers—
- James Robbins
- John Fowle
- John George
- Jeremiah Fowle
- Nathl R. Whitney
- Aaron Sanger
- Eliakim Morse
- John Hunting
- Benjamin Wiser

Also, They licensed Edward Lowd to sell at Public Vendue or outcry, any goods, or Chattels, whatsoever, pursuant to a Law of the Commonwealth, pafsed June 16th 1795—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the 3d day of October AD 1808, They signed an Order on the Treasr directing him

to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To Edmund Fowle in full of his Acct for his Service in attending Court of Sefsions as an Agent in opposing Wm Wellington's road (so called) — —	14,, 83
To Daniel Bernard in full for supporting his Sister Susanna in her last Sickneſs, & for Funeral Charges — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	26,, 50
To Thomas Clark in full of his Acct for his service in attending Court of Sefsions in September last &c — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	9,, 50
To Edward Lowd in full of his Acct for ditto —	11,, 50
To ditto in full of his Acct for supplies delivered poor — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	

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Also, They agreed to give notice to the Selectmen of West Cambridge to meet at the House of Richard Richardson on the twenty fourth day of October Instant at nine of the Clock AM.——Also to the Selectmen of Waltham to meet at the House of Thomas Clark Esqr at two of the Clock on the same day.——Also to the Selectmen of Newton to meet at the House of Robert Murdock at two of the Clock on the same day.——Also to the Selectmen of Cambridge to meet at the House of William M. Pomroy at nine of the Clock AM. on the same day to perambulate run & renew the lines between the said Town's according to a Law of the Commonwealth which notice was given by Nathl R. Whitney

The Selectmen appointed Thomas Clark Esqr & Joseph Bright to run & renew the lines, on West Cambridge & Waltham————

Nathl R. Whitney & Edward Lowd to run the lines on Cambridge————

Amos Bond Esqr & Nathl R. Whitney to run the lines on Newton—

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the twenty fourth day of October AD 1808, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)—

Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting—

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth, (Viz) "the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds") to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of November next, being the first Monday in said Month, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex-district——Hereof fail not &c—

Also, You are alike required to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings, (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of November next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to act on the following Articles, (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————

2^d^ To know if the Town will choose Agents, to make a compromise with the Agents of Newton, respecting the fishery in said Town's, and act any thing thereon————

3^d^ To know if the Town will accept of an alteration in a road, made by the Selectmen, & act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings, Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the twenty fourth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight—

Amos Bond
Nathl R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Joseph Bright
Edward Lowd
} Selectmen for Watertown

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Middlesex ſs: Watertown November 7th 1808————

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warn'd the Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified as therein expreſsed to aſsemble at the time and place & for the purposes within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meetings—

Edward Lowd Constable for Watertown—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of November, being the first Monday in said Month AD 1808, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for the Middlesex-district————

The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was read & revis'd, the Votes for a Representative were called for brought in, sorted and counted, & were as follows—

For Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esqr Ninety seven Votes——
Abraham Bigelow Esqr fifty eight Votes————

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of November AD 1808, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows————

1st Voted & chose Nathl Bemis Esqr Moderator————

2d It was voted to choose three Agents to make a compromise with the Agents of Newton respecting the fishery in said Town's—

Voted & chose for said Agents { Nathl Bemis Esqr / Nathl R. Whitney / Edmund Fowle

Voted that said Agents be empowered to make any contract with the Agents of Newton respecting the fisheries in Watertown, & Newton, not exceeding the term of five Years————

3d The report of the Selectmen in respect to their laying out an Alteration in the road at Elbow-hill (so called) was read, & is as follows—

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Pursuant to a Law of this Commonwealth empowering the Selectmen of the several Towns within the same, to lay out or alter Roads within their respective Towns————

The Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Watertown met on the road near the House of Jonas White at a place called Elbow-hill leading from Watertown, to Waltham & Lexington, & proceeded to lay out an Alteration in said Road as follows, Beginning at a heap of Stones in said White's Land, near the present Road, about ten Rods South of said Hill & running Northwardly in said Whites Land about twenty four rods in a strait line to the old Road at a heap of Stones near the foot of said Hill, said bounds to be the Eastwardly side of said Road, & have laid out said Road three rods wide from said Eastwardly bounds————

It was voted to accept the report of the Selectmen provided they can make a reasonable contract with Jonas White respecting his damages————

It was voted to choose a Committee to contract for making a Wall, & for making said Road—

Voted & chose for said Committee { Thomas Clark Esqr / Nath[l] Bemis Esqr / Majr Adam Brown

November 23d AD 1808 The Selectmen made an agreement with Jonas White respecting an alteration in the road through his Land at Elbow-hill (so called) as above described in the report of the Selectmen, And said White agrees to give his Land as aforesaid to said Town forever for the purpose aforesaid; Also to give said Town the Stones in his Wall, on each side of the old Road, to make a new Wall on each side of the new alter'd road, and give as many more Stones in his Rock-pasture (so called) as will make a sufficient Wall on each side of said Road, with liberty to go on to said Rocky pasture, & dig Stones & cart or sled them of for the purpose aforesaid————

And the Selectmen in their said capacity in behalf of said Town do agree to build said White a sufficient Wall on each side of the new alter'd Road with the Stones as afore-

said, said Wall to be built four feet, & four Inches high, with Stones well proportioned, said White to have the old Road not improv'd in the new road, in lieu for the same——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the second day of January AD 1809, They appointed the following persons Engine-men for the ensuing Year (Viz)—

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Gilbert Nichols
Jeſse Fisher
Artemas Murdock
John Tucker
Jonathan Stone Junr
Joseph Ruſsell Junr
John Stimpson Junr
Jonathan Robbins
Daniel Vila
Elijah Norcroſs
Richard Sanger
Elisha W. Dana
Francis Whitney
Josiah White
Nathaniel Weld Junr
Joseph White
John L. White
John Hunting
Clinton Thayer
Benjamin Wiser
John Leathe

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the sixth day of March AD 1809——They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)

Middlesex ſs: To Edward Lowd one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting—

Sr You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings (Viz)—— Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the twentieth day of March Instant at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)—

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2^{d} To choose all Town Officers required to be chosen in the Months of March and April annually————
3^{d} To choose a Sexton, and agree how he shall be paid for his Services————
4th To determine whether Swine, or Neat Cattle shall run at large the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————

5th To agree what Schools shall be kept the ensuing Year, and grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon——
6th To grant Money to support the poor, & act any thing thereon————
7th To grant Money to repair the Highways, & act any thing thereon————
8th To hear the Accounts of those persons the Town is indebted to, & grant Money to pay the same, & act any thing thereon

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9th To hear the report of any Committee's & act any thing thereon————
10th To choose Agents to lease the fishery the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————
11th To know if the Town will grant & supply the Revd Richard R. Eliot with a certain quantity of Wood the ensuing Year, & act any thing thereon————

Also, You are alike required to notify and warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote for Representatives to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twentieth day of March Instant at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer————

Also, You are likewise required to notify the Town Creditors to bring in their Accounts to the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar, Innholder in said Town on Friday the seventeenth day of March Instant at six of the Clock PM.——

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meetings——Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the sixth day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine—

Amos Bond
Nathl R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Joseph Bright
Edward Lowd
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown March 20th 1809————

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expreſsed

to aſsemble at the time & place, & for the purposes within mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting-house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Edward Lowd Constable for Watertown—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Friday the seventeenth day of March AD 1809, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named, the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

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To John L. Tuttle County Treasr for a County Tax in 1808	221,, 81
To Luda Harris in full for a pair of Shoes for Nathan Boynton	2,, —
To Tyler Bigelow in full of his Acct for service & costs in the case of Betsy White vs Robert Runey	12,, 2
To Jeſse Fisher in full for repairing Engine-wheels	1,, 50
To Zaccheus Pond in full for repairing Plough share	1,, 75
To Nathan Hastings in full for one half the expense of setting & marking the bound marks between Newton & Watertown	1,, —
To the Overseers of the poor in Cambridge for the support of John Meacham four Weeks, & five days in Gaol	10,, 60
To Isaac Dana in full of his Acct for Plank &c. for the Bridge	3,, 27
To Edmund Trowbridge Jr in full of his Acct for repairing the Bridge &c	14,, 94
To Thaddeus Cole in full of his Acct for repairing Windows in the School houses, & Meeting house &c	18,, 84
To Luke Bemis in full of his Acct for clothing supplied Widow Warren	13,, 58
To Nathl R. Whitney in full of his Acct for supplies deld the poor	294,, 46

To ditto in full for supplies del[d] Betsy Gardner	105,, 24
To ditto in full for supplying Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot with Wood &c — — — — — — — — — — —	50,, 56
To Amos Bond in full of his Acc[t] for supplies del[d] the poor &c — — — — — — — — — — — —	71,, 47
To the Committee for the West School in full of their proportion for 1808 — — — — — — — —	300,, —
To the Committee for the Middle d° in full of ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	300,, —
To the Committee for the East d° in full of ditto — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	300,, —
To Paul Learned in full for his service as Sexton in 1807 & 1808 — — — — — — — — — — — —	100,, —
To Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for Cash paid Daniel Belknap for teaching a Singing-school —	50,, —
To Ezra Farrar in full of his Acc[t] for Select-men's expences last Year — — — — — — — —	25,, 54
To Walter Hunnewell in full of his Acc[t] for Medicines & attendance on the poor — — — —	24,, 50

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twentieth day of March AD 1809, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting proceeded as follows (Viz)—

Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————
Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasurer—

Voted & chose for Selectmen
- Amos Bond Esq[r]
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Thomas Clark Esq[r]
- Joseph Bright
- Edward Lowd

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Voted & chose for Aſſeſsors { Amos Bond Esqr / Jonathan Stone / Thomas Clark Esqr

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to four of the Clock this Afternoon then to meet at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twentieth day of March AD 1809, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer, The Selectmen presiding, It was voted to postpone giving in their Votes for a County Treasurer to the adjournment of this Meeting————

Then the Town-meeting was open'd by Adjournment from the Forenoon & proceeded as follows (Viz)

Nathl R. Whitney was sworn into the Office of Town Clerk before Amos Bond Esqr

Voted & chose for Constables { Jeremiah Fowle / Paul Learned

Voted & chose for Fence-viewers { Adam Brown / Elisha Livermore, & was excus'd / Luke Bemis / Josiah Learned, & was excus'd / Amos Livermore Junr

Jeremiah Fowle inform'd the Town that he has agreed with Thaddeus Cole to serve as Constable in his stead————
It was voted to excuse Jeremiah Fowle from serving as Constable————
Voted & chose Thaddeus Cole Constable————
Paul Learned inform'd the Town, that he has agreed with William Horn to serve as Constable in his stead————
It was voted to excuse Paul Learned from serving as Constable————
Voted & chose William Horn Constable————
Thaddeus Cole & William Horn were sworn into the Office of Constables, before Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk

Voted & chose for Tythingmen — Samuel Hunt & was excus'd, Jonathan Robbins, Paul Kendall

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Highways — Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r], Moses Coolidge, Jonathan Stone, Daniel Bernard, Thomas Clark Esq[r]

Voted & chose for Field-drivers — David Baker, Isaac Dana, Peter Clark, Nathaniel Bright, Elisha Livermore, Israel Whitney

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Voted & chose for Hogreeves — Edmund Wellington, Moses Bright, Calvin Honey, Enoch Wiswall, James Bernard, Jonathan Child

Voted & chose for Clerks of the Market — Benjamin Wiser, Aaron Sanger & was excus'd, Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r]

Voted & chose for Cullers of Hoops & Staves — Samuel Holt, Abner Craft

Voted & chose for Surveyors of Timber — Nathaniel Bemis Esq[r] & was excus'd, Isaac Dana, Joseph Peirce

Voted & chose for Firewards — Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r], John Fowle, Amos Bond Esq[r], Nath[l] Weld, Luke Bemis, Moses Coolidge

Voted & chose Nath[l] R. Whitney Pound-keeper

Voted & chose for Fish wardens { Nath[l] Weld / Nath[l] R. Whitney / Daniel Coolidge

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to appoint a Sexton, & agree with him for his services————

Voted that Neat Cattle shall not go at large the ensuing Year————

Voted to grant nine hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing Year————

Voted that the Money granted for the support of Schools, be equally divided between the three Schools as it was the last Year————

Voted to postpone granting Money for support of the poor, to the adjournment of this Meeting————

Voted to grant the same Sum for repairing the Highways, & the same price for Labor as it was the last Year————

8th Article, Voted to postpone to the Adjournment of this Meeting————

9th Article, Voted to postpone to the Adjournment of this Meeting—

10th Voted & chose for Agents to lease the Fishery—

{ Nath[l] R. Whitney / Nath[l] Weld

11th It was voted not to grant the Rev[d] Richard R. Eliot any Wood the ensuing Year————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to seven of the Clock this Evening, then to meet at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd—

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The Town-meeting was open'd at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on the Evening of the twentieth day of March AD 1809, by adjournment from the Meeting house, this day, proceeded as follows————

It was voted to farm out the collection of State, County, Town & Ministers Taxes for the ensuing Year to the lowest bidder, under the same restrictions as they were the last Year————
The East List of ditto were put up and struck of to Moses Chenery for three Cents ℔ Dollar————
The West List of ditto were put up and struck of to Thaddeus Cole for four Cents & one fourth ℔ Dollar————

The Hay scales were put up at Auction for the term of One Year, from the first day of April next, & were struck of to Elisha W. Dana for forty Dollars————

The Wharf in Cambridge belonging to the Town of Watertown was put up at Auction, for the ensuing Year, & was struck of to William Bond for three Dollars & twenty five Cents————

Voted & chose Moses Chenery & Thaddeus Cole Collectors of Taxes————

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the third day of April next at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town——
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

The Selectmen appointed Benjamin Wiser a Measurer of Wood for the ensuing Year————
And he was sworn into said Office, before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

Then the following Town-officers were sworn into the several Offices to which they were chosen this day (Viz)

Adam Brown Fence viewer————
Nath[l] Bemis Esq[r] Jonathan Stone, & Thomas Clark Esq[r] Surveyors of Highways————
David Baker, Isaac Dana, Peter Clark, Nath[l] Bright, & Israel Whitney, Field-drivers————
Edmund Wellington, Moses Bright, Calvin Honey, James Bernard, & Jonathan Child Hogreeves————
Nath[l] R. Whitney Jun[r] Clerk of the Market————
Isaac Dana & Joseph Peirce Surveyor of Timber, before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

Also, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town Meeting on the third day of April next (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

You are hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants

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Of the said Town of Watertown, of twenty one Years of age and upwards, having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the third day of April next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth——Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands and Seals, at said Watertown this twentieth day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine—

Amos Bond
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Joseph Bright
} Selectmen for Watertown—

Middlesex ſs: Watertown April 3[d] 1809————
Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting house in said Town two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Thad[s] Cole Con[s]—

The Agents of the Town of Watertown chosen for the purpose of leasing the fishery in Watertown, Weston & Waltham agreable to an Act of the General Court paſsed March 2[d] 1798, empowering the Towns of Watertown Weston & Waltham to lease the fishery called Shad & Alewives within the limits of said Town's, met at the House of Nathaniel Weld Innholder in said Town on Monday the 27th day of March AD 1809, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon————

The Agents of Weston & Waltham not being present, the Agents of Watertown proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Appointed Nath[l] R. Whitney Clerk for said Agents———
2d Agreed to adjourn this Meeting to seven of the Clock this Evening then to meet at this place————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd———

The Agents aforesaid met at the time & place aforementioned by adjournment & proceeded as follows————

They agreed to lease all the privilege & right of taking the fish called Shad & Alewives in Charles River, within the limits of Watertown, the ensuing Year on the following Conditions (Viz)—

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The privilege of taking the fish called Shad and Alewives within the limits before described three Days in each Week and no more to the highest bidder, he or they giving Security for the payment to the acceptance of the Agents— five ℔ Cent to be paid down as earnest Money——And the residue to be paid on the first day of September next—— And the purchaser to have the privilege of improving the Seines that the Town now have, and the purchaser to have liberty to procure one new Seine if the same may be neceſsary, & be allowed a reasonable expence for the same out of the rent————

The person or persons who improve the fishery shall be accountable to the Agents for the improvement of the Seines if they are improved for the fishery in Newton in proportion to the rent of Watertown & Newton fishery——

And was struck of to Artemas Murdock for four hundred & fifty Dollars——And he paid twenty two Dollars & fifty Cents as earnest Money.——And he & others gave a Note for four hundred twenty seven Dollars & fifty Cents, payable the first day of September next————

Amos Bond Esq[r] was sworn into the Offices of Selectman & Aſseſsor, before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk, on 29th March 1809————

And that he would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of his Offices respecting all elections & the returns thereof————

Also, Thomas Clark Esqr & Jonathan Stone were sworn into the Office of Aſseſsors, before Nathl R. Whitney Town Clerk———

April 3^{d} AD 1809 Nathl R. Whitney, Thomas Clark Esqr Joseph Bright & Edward Lowd were sworn into the Office of Selectmen, that they would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of their Office respecting all elections & the returns thereof, before Amos Bond Esqr—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Counsellors and Senators, being duly warned, regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the third day of April AD 1809, The Selectmen presiding the List of Voters was revis'd & read, the Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Counsellors & Senators, were called for, brought in, sorted & counted & it appeared that the following persons had the number of Votes annex'd their several Names (Viz)

For Governor,

His Honor Levi Lincoln Esqr had One hundred & thirty two Votes———
Hon. Christopher Gore Esqr had eighty eight Votes———

For Lieutenant Governor,

Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esqr had One hundred & twenty one Votes———
Hon. David Cobb Esqr had eighty five Votes—

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For Senators & Counsellors

Hon. Samuel Dana Esqr had One hundred & twenty Votes
Hon. Amos Bond Esqr had One hundred & nineteen Votes
Hon. John L. Tuttle Esqr had One hundred & twenty Votes
Matthew Bridge Esqr had One hundred & twenty Votes
Hon. Artemas Ward Esqr had eighty seven Votes———
Hon. John Brooks Esqr had eighty seven Votes———
Timothy Jackson Esqr had eighty seven Votes———
Oliver Prescott Esqr had eighty seven Votes———

It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting to the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in said Town, to seven of the Clock this Evening for the sole purpose of completing, & sealing the returns of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, & Senators & Counsellors————
And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown, qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the third day of April AD 1809, by adjournment from the twentieth day of March, last, & proceeded as follows————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting————
It was voted to adjourn this Meeting, to the Town-meeting in May next, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, then to meet at this place——And the Meeting was accordingly declared adjourn'd⸗

Then the Town-meeting was open'd at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder, on the Evening of the third of April AD 1809, by adjournment from the Meeting house this day, And the Selectmen & Town Clerk examined & signed the returns for Governor &c. & the same were sealed up in open Town-meeting⸗

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the seventeenth day of April AD 1809——They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

Middlesex ſs: To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown, Greeting————

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of said Town being twenty one Years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one Year next preceding having a freehold Estate within said Town of the annual Income of three Pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty Pounds, to meet at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighth day of May next, at four of the Clock in the Afternoon for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next——Hereof fail not &c.⸗

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Also, You are alike required to summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings, Viz. Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls, a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighth day of May next, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles, (Viz)

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To know if the Town will enlarge the Engine-house, and act any thing thereon————
3d To know if the Town will agree on a place, whereon to erect a Powder-house, and act any thing thereon————
4th To know if the Town will appoint Agents to appear before any Committee from the Court of Seſsions to approve or disapprove of the discontinuance of any part of the present Great-road in front of Jeremiah Fowle's Land, between Tainter's Lane (so called) and the House of Marshall Spring Esqr & act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the times appointed for said Meeting, Given under our Hands and Seals, dated at Watertown the seventeenth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine—

Amos Bond
Nathl R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Edward Lowd
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown May 8th 1809——Pursuant to the above Warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said Watertown qualified as above expreſsed to meet & aſsemble at the time & place, & for the purposes above mentioned by posting an attested Copy of this Warrant at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, two Sundays prior to said Meeting—

Thads Cole Constable—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Friday the twenty first day of April AD 1809, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

To George Stearns in full for supporting Mary Learned — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	4,, —
To Overseers of the poor of the Town of Boston for support of Nathan Boynton & Widow Warren — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
To Catha Marshall in full for supporting Bezaleel Learned to the time of his death, & for his funeral charges, Also in full for supporting his Wife to the first day of next May — — — — —	64,, 84
To Joseph Rufsell Jun[r] in full for Labor at the Hay scales — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	,, 50

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To Artemas Murdock in full for Seines for the fishery in 1807 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	*
To ditto in full for Powder del[d] Militia in 1807	10,, —
To Luther Barrett in full for painting Herse & Guide board — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	8,, —
To Mary Nutting in full for supporting her Daughter & her Children — — — — — — — — —	40,, —
To Timothy Bigelow for arguing to the Supreme Court, Watertowns Agent vs Amasa Williams in 1807 & 1808 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
To Moses Coolidge in full for attending Court at Concord as an Agent respecting the fishery in 1806 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, —
To Nath[l] R. Whitney for Interest paid Aaron Everett for Money borrowed — — — — — — —	4,, 30

April 24th 1809 Moses Coolidge was sworn into the Office of Surveyor of Highways, before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk.

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly afsembled at the Public Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the eighth day of May AD 1809, by Adjournment from the third day of April last, which was by Adjournment from the twentieth day of March last, & proceeded as follows (Viz).

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The following Town Officers were sworn into the several Offices, to which they were chosen on the 20th day of March last, (Viz)—

Luke Bemis & Amos Livermore Junr Fence viewers———
Enoch Wiswall, Hogreeve——Benjamin Wiser Clerk of the Market———
Samuel Holt & Abner Craft Cullers of Hoops & Staves
(before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—

Voted & chose Moses Coolidge & Leonard Stone Field-drivers, & they were sworn into said Office, before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk—
Voted to excuse Elisha Livermore from serving as Field-driver———
Voted to grant fifty Dollars for the support of a Singing school the ensuing Year———
Voted to have the Singing school under the direction of the Selectmen———
Voted to grant six hundred Dollars to support the poor the ensuing Year———
Voted to grant Nath[l] R. Whitney in full for his Service as Treasurer last Year fifty Dollars———
Voted to grant ditto for his service as an Aſsesſor last Year twenty seven Dollars———
Voted that Amos Bond, & Jonathan Stone present their Accounts to the Selectmen, for their Services as Aſsesſors last Year, & that they be allowed in the same proportion as Nath[l] R. Whitney is, for the like services, according to the time they were employed———

The report of the Committee to examine the Town Treasurer's Accounts was read, & is as follows—

That Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Treasr is credited by ———————————	8008,, 74
And is charged with ———————	7042,, 54
Balance due the Treasurer —————	$966,, 20

Watertown May 8th 1809 The above is a just and true statement of the Treasurer's Accounts to the eighth day of May 1809, as examined by the Subscribers a Committee to settle the same———

Thomas Clark
Joseph Bright } *
Edward Lowd

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Voted to accept of said Report———

Voted to diſsolve this Meeting——And it was declared diſsolved⸗

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Then the Town-meeting was open'd for the purpose of giving their Votes for a County Treasurer, by adjournment from the third day of April last——The Selectmen presiding the Votes for a County Treasurer were called for, brought in sorted & counted, and it appeared that there were One hundred & eighty Votes given in————

The Hon. John L. Tuttle Esqr had One hundred & seven Votes————
Abiel Heywood Esqr had seventy three Votes————

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by the Constitution to vote in the choice of Representatives being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighth day of May AD 1809——The Selectmen presiding the list of Voters was revis'd, & read, the Votes for a Representative were called for, brought in, sorted & counted, & it appeared that there were One hundred & ninety Votes given in————

Thomas Clark Esqr had One hundred & fifteen Votes———
Nathl R. Whitney had seventy five Votes————
And Thomas Clark Esqr was chosen————

It was voted to choose one other Representative————
The Votes for one other Representative were called for, brought in, sorted & counted & it appeared that there were One hundred & eleven Votes given in——Jonas White had One hundred & five Votes——And William Leathe had six Votes——And Jonas White was chosen⸗

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighth day of May AD 1809, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)⸗

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esqr Moderator————

2d It was voted to choose a Committee to make such repairs, or addition to the Engine-house as they may judge neceſsary⸗

Voted & chose for said Committee
- Joseph Peirce
- Nath[l] Weld
- Peter Clark & was excus'd
- Samuel W. Warren

Voted to grant fifty Dollars for the purpose aforesaid———

3d Voted that the Committee chosen on the thirteenth day of April AD 1807, (Viz) Thomas Clark Esqr, Edmund Fowle & Adam Brown, to build a Powder-house, be empowered to procure a suitable place whereon to build a Powder-house, & that they be directed to build said Powder house

4th It was voted to choose three Agents to appear before any Committee from the Court of Seſsions to approve or disapprove of the discontinuance of any part of the present Great-road in front of Jeremiah Fowle's Land between Tainter's Lane (so called) & the House of Marshall Spring Esqr & act any thing thereon as they may judge will be for the Interest of the Town⸗

Voted & chose for said Agents⸗
- Levi Thaxter Esqr
- Thomas Clark Esqr
- Peter Clark

At a Meeting of the Seleƈtmen at the House of Ezra Farrar, Innholder in Watertown on Thursday the 20th day of July AD 1809, They iſsued the following Warrant for a Town-meeting (Viz)⸗

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Middlesex ſs: To Thaddeus Cole one of the Constables of the Town of Watertown————Greeting————

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, forthwith to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-meetings (Viz) Such as pay to one single Tax besides the Poll or Polls a Sum equal to two thirds of a single Poll Tax, to meet and aſsemble at the Public Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty fourth day of July Instant at six of the Clock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)⸗

1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting————
2d To know if the Town will choose Agents to appear before any Court to be holden within and for the County of Middlesex to approve or disapprove of a Road petitioned for by Isaac Peirce & others to be laid out from Bird's Tavern in Watertown, through the Northerly part of said Watertown, & Waltham, to Concord, & Act any thing thereon————

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to the Selectmen before the time appointed for said Meeting——Given under our Hands and Seals at Watertown the twentieth day of July in the Year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and nine—

Amos Bond
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Edward Lowd
} Selectmen for Watertown

Middlesex ſs: Watertown July 20th 1809, Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time & place, and for the purpose within mentioned— Thad[s] Cole Constable—

At a Public Town-meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Watertown qualified by Law to vote in Town-affairs being duly warned regularly aſsembled at the Public Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty fourth day of July AD 1809, for the purpose of transacting the buſineſs as set forth in the Warrant for said Meeting, proceeded as follows (Viz)—

1st Voted & chose Amos Bond Esq[r] Moderator————
2d It was voted to choose three Agents to appear before any Committee, or Court to oppose the laying out of a Road through Watertown petitioned for by Isaac Peirce & others to be laid out from Bird's Tavern in Watertown, through the Northerly part of said Watertown, Waltham, & Lincoln, to Concord, & act any thing thereon, as they may judge will be for the Interest of the Town—

Voted & chose for said Agents— Marshall Spring Esq[r], Edmund Fowle, Edward Lowd

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the fourth day of September AD 1809, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay to the several persons hereafter named, the several Sums annex'd their Names (Viz)—

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To Moses Warren in full of his Account — — —	6,, 99
To Samuel Dana in full of two Accounts — —	
To Nath[l] Bemis in full of his Acc[t] for his service in repairing Great bridge — — — — — — —	15,, —
To Jonas White in full for ditto — — — — — —	15,, —
To Nath[l] Weld in full for ditto — — — — — —	15,, —
To Moses Coolidge in full for new laying Plough share — — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, —

Also, They approbated the persons hereafter named, to receive license for the ensuing Year (Viz)

For Innholders
- Nath[l] Weld
- Samuel Bird
- Ezra Farrar
- Charles Weston

For Retailers
- John Fowle
- John George
- Jeremiah Fowle
- Nath[l] R. Whitney
- Aaron Sanger
- Eliakim Morse
- John Hunting
- Benjamin Wiser
- Charles Weston

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown, & Waltham at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the second day of October AD 1809, they settled & adjusted Accounts as follows

Waltham's charge is — — — — — — — — — —	$101,, 5
Watertown's charge is — — — — — — — — —	75,, 8
Balance due from Watertown — — — — — —	25,, 97
	$101,, 5

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town's of Waltham & Watertown at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown, on Monday the second day of October AD 1809, The above Account was settled & adjusted by us

John Bright
Isaac Miles
David Townsend Jr
Uriah Hagar
Josiah Child
} Selectmen for Waltham

Amos Bond
Nath[l] R. Whitney
Thomas Clark
Joseph Bright
Edw[d] Lowd
} Selectmen for Watertown

October 10th 1809 Thad[s] Cole & Moses Chenery were sworn into the Office of Collectors of Taxes, before Nath[l] R. Whitney Town Clerk————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the House of Ezra Farrar Innholder in Watertown on Monday the first day of January AD 1810, They signed an Order on the Treasurer directing him to pay the several persons hereafter named the several Sums annex'd their Names——(Viz)

To Amos Bond Esq[r] in full for his service as an Afsefsor in 1808 — — — — — — — — — — — —	13,, 50
To Jonathan Stone in full for ditto — — — —	21,, —
To ditto in full for three Stones to cover a Bridge, & for sharping a Ploughshare — — —	2,, 80
To Cyril Flint for repairing the Bell &c. — — —	2,, 59
To Amos Livermore Jr in full for finding & setting Glafs in the East School-house — — —	9,, 50
To Moses Coolidge in full for new laying Ploughshare — — — — — — — — — — — —	3,, —
To John K. Coolidge in full for his service on the Bell &c — — — — — — — — 3,, 75 To ditto for attending the funeral of Abigail Goddard &c. — — — — — — — 3,, —	6,, 75
To Stephen Cook in full for a Stone plac'd at the end of the Great-bridge — — — — — — —	3,, —
To Edward Lowd in full for supplies del[d] the poor to the 28th of August — — — — — — — —	
To Edmund Fowle for his service as an Agent respecting the road contemplated to be laid through Watertown — — — — — — — — — —	20,, —

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